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# TOWARDS A SEMANTIC REINTERPRETATION OF BINDING THEORY

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*Abstract:* Binding Theory is traditionally considered a part of syntax, in the sense that some derivations that would otherwise be interpretable are ruled out by purely formal principles. Thus 'John<sub>i</sub> likes him<sub>i</sub>' would in standard semantic theories yield a perfectly acceptable interpretation; it is only because of Condition B that the sentence is deviant on its coreferential reading. We explore an alternative in which some binding-theoretic principles (esp. Condition C, Condition B, a modified version of the Locality of Variable Binding argued for by A. Kehler and D. Fox, and Weak and Strong Crossover) follow from the interpretive procedure - albeit a somewhat non-standard one. In a nutshell, these principles are taken to reflect the way in which sequences of evaluation are constructed in the course of the interpretation of a sentence. The bulk of the work is done by a principle of Non-Redundancy, which prevents any given object from appearing twice in any given sequence of evaluation.

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## 0 Overview

### □ *Syntactic Accounts of Binding Theory*

Binding Theory is traditionally considered a part of *syntax*, in the sense that certain structures that would otherwise be interpretable semantically are ruled out by purely *formal* constraints. In the account offered in Chomsky (1981), syntactic structures come equipped with indices whose intended (but implicit) semantics is to encode coreference. Certain configurations are then ruled out by formal constraints on *binding*. As in formal logic, the relation  $\square \text{ binds } \square$  holds just in case (i)  $\square$  and  $\square$  bear the same index  $k$ , (ii)  $\square$  is in the scope of (=is c-commanded by)  $\square$ , and (iii) there is no other element  $\square'$  with index  $k$  such that (a)  $\square'$  is in the scope of  $\square$ , and (b)  $\square$  is in the scope of  $\square'$  (for otherwise  $\square'$  rather than  $\square$  would bind  $\square$ ). Binding is then subject to the following (simplified) constraints, where the 'local domain' of an element is -very roughly- its clause:

- (1) *Condition A*: A reflexive pronoun *must* be bound in its local domain.
  - a. John<sub>1</sub> likes himself<sub>1</sub>
  - b. \*[John<sub>1</sub>'s mother]<sub>2</sub> likes himself<sub>1</sub>
  - c. \*John<sub>1</sub> thinks that Mary<sub>2</sub> likes himself<sub>1</sub>
- (2) *Condition B*: A non-reflexive pronoun *cannot* be bound in its local domain.
  - a. \*John<sub>1</sub> likes him<sub>1</sub>
  - b. [John<sub>1</sub>'s mother]<sub>2</sub> likes him<sub>1</sub>
  - c. John<sub>1</sub> thinks that Mary<sub>2</sub> likes him<sub>1</sub>
- (3) *Condition C*: A proper name or a definite description *cannot* be bound (at all)
  - a. ??John<sub>1</sub> likes John<sub>1</sub>
  - a'. \*He<sub>1</sub> likes John<sub>1</sub>
  - b. [John<sub>1</sub>'s mother]<sub>2</sub> likes John<sub>1</sub>
  - c. ??John<sub>1</sub> thinks that Mary<sub>2</sub> likes John<sub>1</sub>

An additional principle constrains configurations in which a quantificational element can take scope over (or 'cross over') a pronoun. One possible statement is the following:

- (4) *(Weak) Crossover Constraint*: A pronoun cannot be bound by an element that is in a non-argument position<sup>1</sup> (=an A'-position).
  - a. Who<sub>1</sub> [t<sub>1</sub> likes his<sub>1</sub> mother]?
  - b. ??Who<sub>1</sub> does his<sub>1</sub> mother like t<sub>1</sub>?
  - c. [Every boy]<sub>1</sub> [t<sub>1</sub> likes [his<sub>1</sub> mother]] (pronounced as: *Every boy likes his mother*)
  - d. ?? [Every boy]<sub>1</sub> [[his<sub>1</sub> mother] likes t<sub>1</sub>] (pronounced as: *His mother likes every boy*)

(The preceding representations are the syntactician's 'L(ogical) F(orms)', which are obtained by moving quantificational elements covertly to their scope positions). Violations of the Weak Crossover Constraint yield relatively mild cases of ungrammaticality when the offending pronoun does not c-command the trace of its binder. When it does c-command it, as in \*Who<sub>1</sub> does he<sub>1</sub> like t<sub>1</sub>?, the violation becomes much more severe and is for this reason called 'Strong Crossover'.

Accounts that followed Chomsky's groundbreaking work developed Binding Theory in several directions:

- (i) Crosslinguistic studies refined the typology of elements subject to binding principles, and parametrized those principles to account for language variation.
- (ii) The syntax and semantics of indices was clarified and systematized. Important work in this domain was done by semanticists, esp. Heim (1993) and more recently Buring (2002a, b).
- (iii) Reinhart (1983) sought to attain greater explanatory depth by deriving Condition C effects from a pragmatic principle that favors structures in which coreference is a result of syntactic binding

rather than an 'accident' of the semantic interpretation. According to Reinhart, *John<sub>1</sub> thinks that Mary<sub>2</sub> likes John<sub>1</sub>* is ruled out because *John<sub>1</sub> thinks that Mary<sub>2</sub> likes him<sub>1</sub>*, which has the same truth-conditions but involves binding, is deemed preferable by her principle (Reinhart's analysis was refined in Heim (1993)). Whatever the merits of Reinhart's approach, it shares with other analyses a syntactic core, in the sense that the ungrammatical or dispreferred structures are assumed to be in principle interpretable by the semantic component.

#### □ A Semantic Alternative

In this paper we explore a semantic alternative to these accounts (other semantic accounts of binding-theoretic constraints have been developed recently, esp. by A. Branco, C. Barker & C. Shan, A. Butler, and P. Jacobson. A systematic comparison is left for future research). We concentrate on the most basic data, with the hope that refinements of the standard Binding Theory could in principle be incorporated into our framework (whether this is so is as yet unclear). As in most other semantic theories, a sentence is interpreted by evaluating its components under certain modifications of an initial assignment function, or sequence of evaluation. We posit simple (but non-standard) constraints on the construction of sequences, and show that these suffice to derive Condition C, Condition B, and a version of the Locality of Variable Binding discussed in Kehler (1993) and Fox (2000); with one additional assumption we also give an account of Weak and Strong Crossover effects, and solve an independent problem that our theory encounters in the analysis of quantification. While some of the predictions are different from those of existing theories (especially when it comes to the Locality of Variable Binding), we will mostly attempt to match our competitors' basic results within a system that is arguably simpler and has in any event a very different deductive structure. Finally, although the theory has nothing insightful to say about Condition A at this point, an analysis of reflexives as arity-reducers can probably be made compatible with the present framework; this is briefly discussed in Appendix II.

The general idea we pursue is that a sequence of evaluation represents a state of a *memory register*, which is constructed as a sentence is processed, top-down, in accordance with the following rules:

#### (5) a. **Treatment of R-Expressions (i.e. Proper Names, Demonstrative Pronouns and Definite Descriptions)<sup>2</sup>**

When an R-expression (proper name, definite description or demonstrative pronoun) is processed, its denotation is added at the end of the register (i.e. at the end of the sequence of evaluation).

#### b. **Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns**

When a (non-demonstrative) pronoun is processed, some element of the register is recovered and moved to the end of the register.

In order to indicate which element is moved in this way, non-demonstrative pronouns are given *negative indices* such as -1, -2, etc, which indicate how far from the end of the register their denotation is to be found (by contrast demonstrative pronouns are assumed to have positive indices; their interpretation is given by a separate 'demonstrative function', discussed below; they are then treated in the same way as proper names). Thus *he<sub>-1</sub>* evaluated under a sequence *John*<sup>^</sup>*Max*<sup>^</sup>*Peter* denotes Peter, *he<sub>-2</sub>* denotes Max, and *he<sub>-3</sub>* denotes John. This notation makes syntactic representations somewhat simpler than is commonly the case, since indices appear only on bindees and never on binders. Thus instead of writing *John<sub>i</sub> thinks that he<sub>i</sub> is clever* or *John [ $\lambda i$  *i thinks that he<sub>i</sub> is clever*], we will use the representation: *John thinks that he<sub>-1</sub> is clever*. This yields the desired dependency because when the sentence is evaluated under a sequence *s*, the denotation of *John* (call it *j*) is added at the end of *s* as soon as the subject is processed. As a result, *he<sub>-1</sub>* is evaluated under the extended sequence *s*<sup>^</sup>*j*. But by definition *he<sub>-1</sub>* denotes the last element of *s*<sup>^</sup>*j*, i.e. John, as is desired. Although*

there are important differences, our system shares this 'semi-variable-free' nature with the so-called 'De Bruijn' notation of the  $\lambda$ -calculus (see Barendregt (1984, pp. 579-581) for a very brief introduction to the De Bruijn notation; see also Ben-Shalom 1996, Dekker 1994 and van Eijck 2001 for other applications of the De Bruijn notation to the analysis of anaphora).

The values of individual-denoting terms are added to the sequence of evaluation in an order that mirrors their hierarchy in the syntactic structure. As a result, when an atomic predicate  $P$  has just been processed we can know for sure that (i) in case  $P$  is intransitive, the denotation of its subject is found in the last position of the sequence; (ii) in case  $P$  is transitive, the denotations of its subject and object are in positions  $-2$  and  $-1$  respectively (this is because the object is more embedded than the subject, and hence in a top-down procedure it is processed 'after' it). In this way the values of the arguments of the predicate  $P$  can be recovered from the sequence under which  $P$  is evaluated. It makes sense, then, to talk of the truth of  $P$  under a sequence  $s$ , which will yield rules of interpretation such as the following, where  $j$  is John and  $b$  is Bill (for perspicuity I write sequences of evaluation in normal font rather than as superscripts; I identify 1-membered sequences with their only element, and I write  $s^{\wedge}s'$  for the concatenation of sequence  $s$  and sequence  $s'$ ):

- (6) a. John hates Bill  
 b.  $[[a]]^s = [[a]]_{s=1}$  iff  
 [Step 1: the subject has been processed]  $[[\text{hates Bill}]]_{s^{\wedge}j} = 1$ , iff  
 [Step 2: the object has been processed]  $[[\text{hates}]]_{s^{\wedge}j^{\wedge}b} = 1$ , iff  
 [Step 3: the predicate is evaluated]  $j^{\wedge}b \sqsubseteq I(\text{hates})$

The last major principle we will need rules out redundancy in registers, in the sense that it does not allow one and the same object to occur twice in any given register:

- (7) **Non-Redundancy**  
 No object may occur twice in the same sequence of evaluation (see Higginbotham (1983, (26)) for a related principle)

We speculate that Non-Redundancy is a general cognitive principle, which requires quite generally that a new cognitive file should not be created for an object which is already stored in memory. Be that as it may, it is important to note that Non-Redundancy is in a sense nothing new. This principle is implicitly assumed in Chomsky and Lasnik's classic syntactic accounts of Binding Theory. To see this, consider the sentence *He hates him*. The empirical observation is that *he* and *him* cannot corefer. Condition B is stated to rule out the representation  $He_i \text{ hates } him_i$ , where *he* and *him* bear the same index  $i$ . But this still fails to disallow  $He_i \text{ hates } him_k$ , where  $i$  and  $k$  are different indices that both happen to refer to John. The necessary stipulation is that no two indices may refer to the same individual. Restated in terms of sequences rather than assignment functions, this simply says that the same individual may not occur twice in any sequence, which is just our principle of Non-Redundancy. Our claim is that with the non-standard semantics we will develop shortly, Non-Redundancy can do almost all the work - no additional syntactic principles are required. It can also be checked that our principles are indeed semantic in nature, since all they do is specify (a) how sequences of evaluation are constructed, and (b) which sequences are admissible.

A final proviso is in order. If our metaphor of the sequence of evaluation as a memory register is to be taken seriously, our technical apparatus must be reinterpreted, since it cannot be the object itself, but rather a standard name or description of the object which appears in a memory register (when I talk about George W. Bush, my memory register might contain a description of W., but certainly not W. himself, who wouldn't fit in there anyway). This move from objects to standard names or descriptions thereof is independently motivated on two grounds. First, as was shown in Reinhart (1983) and further elaborated in Heim (1993), there are various exceptions to Binding Theory that can only be handled by making semantic values more fine-grained, and thus moving from objects to descriptions or 'guises'<sup>3</sup>. Second, a theory-internal problem that we will encounter in

the analysis of quantification will again be solved by appealing to implicit descriptions. For simplicity, however, most of the theory is built as if sequences of evaluation contained objects; the same simplifying assumption has been made in Appendix III, which provides a precise implementation of a large part of the theory.

#### □ *Structure of the Theory*

The structure of the theory to be developed is as follows:

(i) The Treatment of R-expressions and Non-Redundancy conspire to derive Condition C: as soon as an R-expression is processed (be it a proper name, a definite description or a pronoun), its value, for instance  $j$ , must appear at the end of the sequence of evaluation. When a coreferring proper name or definite description is processed lower down in the tree, another occurrence of  $j$  is added at the end of the same sequence, as required by the Treatment of R-Expressions. As a result, the sequence of evaluation ends up having the same object ( $=j$ ) in two different cells, and this violates Non-Redundancy. Here is a simple illustration:

- (8) a. John [likes John]  
 b. Step 1: the subject has been processed  $\Rightarrow s^j$   
 c. Step 2: the object has been processed  $\Rightarrow s^{j^j}$  (this violates Non-Redundancy)

We will show that with one small additional assumption the theory also explains why John talking to Mary may not normally say *John is happy* or *Mary is happy* - this observation will in fact serve to motivate Non-Redundancy.

(ii) The Treatment of R-expressions and Non-Redundancy taken together leave very little leeway for the analysis of pronouns - something like our Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns must be posited. The latter, together with Non-Redundancy and the rule of interpretation of atomic predicates, derives Condition B (or rather, the version of Condition B given in Reinhart & Reuland 1993). To take the example of a transitive verb, the idea is simply that after the subject is processed, its value, say  $j$ , must appear at the end of the sequence of evaluation. But then -by the Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns- all a coreferring pronoun can do is to recover this value, i.e. to move it to the end of the sequence, and crucially *not* to introduce a new occurrence of  $j$  in the sequence (note that in any even this would run afoul of Non-Redundancy). As a result, there is simply no way for a sentence such as *John likes him<sub>i</sub>* to mean that John likes John, as this would require that *like* be evaluated under a sequence whose last two elements are  $j^j$ , which is precisely what cannot be obtained. This is illustrated in the following simplified example, where I have assumed that when an object is recovered and moved to the end of the sequence, it leaves in its original position the element #, which indicates that that position is now empty<sup>4</sup>.

- (9) a. John likes him<sub>i</sub> (evaluated under a sequence  $s$ )  
 b. Step 1: the subject is processed  $\Rightarrow j$  is added to the sequence:  $s^j$   
 c. Step 2: the object is processed  $\Rightarrow j$  is moved to the end, leaving #:  $s^{#^j}$   
 d. Step 3: the predicate is evaluated, and recovers the last two elements of  $s^{#^j}$ , i.e.  $#^j$ .

Since one of the last two elements of the final sequence  $s^{#^j}$  contains #, the last step of the evaluation procedure will result in a failure, as is desired.

(iii) The Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns and Non-Redundancy derive a principle of Locality of Variable Binding - one that I adopt from Kehler (1993) and Fox (2000) (though Fox has a slightly different version of the rule). Suppose that a pronoun  $\square$  appears in a structure [... A ... B...  $\square$ ...] where  $\square$  is in the scope of B, which is itself in the scope of A. Standard theories postulate that if A and B both refer to an object  $i$ ,  $\square$  may come to denote  $i$  by being bound by A or by B, *and both*





(to be concrete, the speaker is that object of the sequence which appears with the role 'A', while the addressee is the object that appears with the role 'H')

(b) second, the sequence of evaluation includes the objects that have been linguistically introduced, i.e. which are the denotations of terms that have been processed.

Given a very simple set-up the sequence will also encode the order in which the terms are processed. In a top-down procedure, this order mirrors the scope (=c-command) relations that are found in the syntax. This will be the key to achieve a semantic reinterpretation of standard syntactic conditions on binding. It should be emphasized, however, that this result follows from entirely standard assumptions about the syntax/semantics interface: the semantics interprets syntactic structures compositionally, undoing step by step the sister-to-sister configurations constructed by the syntax.

Importantly, the denotation of demonstrative pronouns is assumed *not* to be given directly by the sequence of evaluation, but through the intermediary a 'demonstrative function' *D* which assigns a value to 'free' pronouns (the term 'free pronoun' used in other theories might be clearer than 'demonstrative', since in *His mother likes John* the free pronoun *his* is not always called 'demonstrative', although for our purposes it should count as such). Thus if  $D(1)=\text{John}$ , the speaker of *s* intended to refer to John by uttering the pronoun *he<sub>I</sub>*. There is a weak conceptual argument and a strong empirical one for distinguishing the demonstrative function from the sequence of evaluation. The conceptual point is that demonstrative pronouns need extra-linguistic information to get a denotation - for instance they may be completed by a demonstrative gesture on the part of the speaker; in that sense their denotation cannot be recovered from the speech act in a narrow sense. The empirical argument is that in a sentence such as *His mother likes John*, where *his* denotes John, we do *not* want to say that John must already be found in the initial sequence to provide *his* with a referent, for this would incorrectly predict a violation of Non-Redundancy when *John* is processed (two occurrences of John would be found in the final sequence; see the discussion below). For all intents and purposes we will treat demonstrative pronouns in the same way as proper names, which will account for the fact that *He<sub>I</sub> likes John*, where  $D(1)=\text{John}$ , is as ungrammatical as *John likes John*.

#### □ Basic Rules

Let us now consider some basic examples. Suppose that John, talking to Mary, said: *Ann runs*. The initial sequence is simply  $j^A m^H$ , where  $j^A$  and  $m^H$  can be seen respectively as the abbreviations of the pairs  $\langle j, A \rangle$  and  $\langle m, H \rangle$ , indicating that John ( $=j$ ) is the speaker of the speech act, and that Mary ( $=m$ ) is its addressee. By the Treatment of R-expressions, when *Ann* is processed, its value is added to the sequence, yielding a new sequence  $j^A m^H a$ . At that point all the arguments of the verb have been processed, and thus *runs* is evaluated under the sequence  $j^A m^H a$ . Since this verb is intransitive, it is true under the sequence  $j^A m^H a$  just in case its last element, namely *a*, lies in the extension of the predicate at the world of evaluation  $w (=I_w(\text{run}))$ . We thus obtain the following interpretation, in which we have relativized truth and denotation to a sequence of evaluation and world parameter:

$$(11) \quad \llbracket \text{Ann run} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \text{run} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H a = 1, \text{ iff } a \in I_w(\text{run})$$

A transitive construction is interpreted in the same way, except that the verb ends up being true just in case the pair of the last two elements of the final sequence lie in its extension:

$$(12) \quad \llbracket \text{Ann hate Bill} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \text{hate Bill} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H a = 1, \text{ iff } \llbracket \text{hate} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H a \hat{=} b = 1, \\ \text{iff } a \hat{=} b \in I_w(\text{hate}) \text{ (since } a \hat{=} b \text{ are the last two elements of } j^A m^H a \hat{=} b)$$

On a technical level, the definition in (13) gives a preliminary implementation of our Treatment of R-expressions:

## (13) Treatment of R-expressions (preliminary version)

If  $\alpha$  is a proper name, a definite description or a demonstrative pronoun (i.e. a pronoun with a positive subscript),  $\llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s = \llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s = \llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s \wedge \llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s$

The definition is straightforward, and simply formalizes the idea that the denotation of an R-expression is systematically added at the end of the sequence of evaluation; the sister to the R-expression is then evaluated under this new sequence. Obviously basic rules for referring terms and predicates must be added as well. For the former the definition in (14) will do, and for that latter that in (15):

## (14) Interpretation of R-expressions (preliminary)

- a. If  $\alpha$  is a proper name,  $\llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s = I_w(\alpha)$
- b. If  $p$  is a pronoun and  $i$  is a non-negative integer,  $\llbracket [p_i] \rrbracket^w s = D(i)$ .
- c.  $\llbracket [\text{the } \alpha] \rrbracket^w s = \#$  iff there is 0 or more than one object  $d$  satisfying  $\llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s, d = 1$ .  
Otherwise  $\llbracket [\text{the } \alpha] \rrbracket^w s = d$ , where  $d$  satisfies  $\llbracket [\alpha] \rrbracket^w s \wedge d = 1$ <sup>6</sup>

## (15) Interpretation of Predicates (preliminary)

Let  $P$  be an  $n$ -place predicate.

$\llbracket [P] \rrbracket^w s = \#$  iff one of the last  $n$  elements of  $s$  is  $\#$  or  $s$  violates Non-Redundancy [the latter clause is justified in the next section]. Otherwise,  $\llbracket [P] \rrbracket^w s = 1$  iff  $s_n \sqsubseteq I_w(P^n)$ , where  $s_n$  is the sequence of the last  $n$  elements of  $s$ .

( $s_n$  must be defined carefully to take into account the case in which one of the last  $n$  elements is a pair of the form  $\langle d, A \rangle$  or  $\langle d, H \rangle$ , in case  $d$  is the speaker or hearer. In such cases we want  $s_n$  to recover only the first coordinates of the relevant elements. The proper definitions are given in Appendix III.)<sup>7</sup>

## 1.2 Non-Redundancy

### □ Linguistic Motivation for Non-Redundancy: constraints on terms denoting the speaker or hearer

We now come to the motivation for our crucial Principle, Non-Redundancy. As was mentioned earlier, a version of this principle is implicitly assumed in most syntactic theories of binding, since without it there would be no way to rule out on syntactic grounds a sentence such as *He<sub>1</sub> likes him<sub>2</sub>*, where both *he<sub>1</sub>* and *he<sub>2</sub>* refer to John. But there is also independent motivation for Non-Redundancy. Notice that John talking to Mary may not normally refer to himself or to her using a proper name such as *John* or *Mary*, or even a definite description, as is shown in the following paradigm:

## (16) Context: John, who is the syntax professor, is speaking to Mary, who is the semantics professor.

- a. #John is happy.
- a'. I am happy.
- b. #Mary is happy.
- b'. You are happy.
- c. #John's mother is happy.
- c'. My mother is happy.
- d. #Mary's mother is happy.
- d'. Your mother is happy.
- e. #The syntax professor is happy.
- f. #The semantics professor is happy.

On the assumption that the speaker and hearer figure in the initial sequence of evaluation, these facts follow straightforwardly from Non-Redundancy. In (16)a we start out with a sequence  $j^A m^H$  (since John is the speaker and Mary is the addressee). When the subject *John* is processed, the Treatment of

R-expressions requires that its denotation be added to the sequence of evaluation, which yields a new sequence  $j^A m^H j$ . But the latter violates Non-Redundancy, since John appears twice. The same effect is found in (16)b, where by the Treatment of R-expressions Mary is added to the initial sequence to yield a new sequence  $j^A m^H m$ , which again violates Non-Redundancy<sup>8</sup>.

I note for completeness that Non-Redundancy applies not only to individual-denoting terms, but also to time expressions. Thus in (17)a-b indexical reference to the time of utterance is acceptable. By contrast, non-indexical reference as in (17)c is deviant:

- (17) [Uttered at 6:50pm]  
 a. Peter is at home  
 b. Peter is at home now  
 c. #Peter is at home at 6:50pm

This suggests that Non-Redundancy applies beyond the domain of individual-denoting expressions.

□ *Condition C: Basic Cases*

Let us now see how Condition C effects are derived. Consider the sentence *Bill likes Bill*. First, the subject is processed, and its denotation Bill (i.e. b) is added to the initial sequence of evaluation  $j^A m^H$  to yield  $j^A m^H b$ . At this point no problem arises, since this new sequence does obey Non-Redundancy. But as soon as the object is processed, Non-Redundancy is violated, since another occurrence of Bill is added to the sequence, yielding  $j^A m^H b^b$ , which is illicit:

- (18) a. #Bill like Bill (said by John to Mary)  
 b.  $[[\text{Bill like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H = [[\text{like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H b = [[\text{like}]]^w j^A m^H b^b = \#$  because  $j^A m^H b^b$  violates Non-Redundancy.

Exactly the same effect holds if the subject is replaced with a demonstrative pronoun *he<sub>i</sub>*, which denotes Bill. As soon as the subject is processed, the rest of the derivation becomes indistinguishable from that of (18), and Non-Redundancy ends up being violated once again:

- (19) a. #He<sub>i</sub> likes Bill (said by John to Mary, where *he<sub>i</sub>* is a demonstrative pronoun denoting Bill)  
 b.  $[[\text{He}_i \text{ like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H = [[\text{like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H D(\text{he}_i) = [[\text{like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H b = [[\text{like}]]^w j^A m^H b^b = \#$  because  $j^A m^H b^b$  violates Non-Redundancy.

By contrast, no violation of Non-Redundancy occurs in an utterance of *Bill's teacher likes Bill*, analyzed for simplicity as *The Bill teacher likes Bill* (where we take *teacher* to be a 2-place predicate). The key is that the VP *likes Bill* is evaluated under a sequence that contains Bill's teacher but not Bill himself, with the result that Non-Redundancy is satisfied. This is illustrated in the following partial derivation (a full derivation of an analogous example is found in Appendix III, (ix)):

- (20) a. Bill's teacher likes Bill, analyzed as  
 a'. The Bill teacher likes Bill (said by John to Mary)  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^A m^H = [[\text{like Bill}]]^w j^A m^H t = [[\text{like}]]^w j^A m^H t^b$ , with  $t = [[\text{the Bill teacher}]]^w j^A m^H$

By contrast, *Bill likes Bill's teacher* (analyzed as *Bill likes the Bill teacher*) will yield a violation of Non-Redundancy. This is because as soon as the subject is processed, its value Bill is entered in the sequence of evaluation, which now becomes  $j^A m^H b$ . All the elements that are in the scope of *Bill* are evaluated under extensions of this initial sequence. As a result, when the second occurrence of *Bill* is processed, it adds b to a sequence of the form  $j^A m^H b^b \dots$ , yielding a sequence  $j^A m^H b^b \dots^b$ , which violates Non-Redundancy.

One cautionary note is in order at this point. Binding conditions B and C have notorious counterexamples, such as the one in (21), due to Reinhart:

- (21) (Who is this man over there?) He is Colonel Weisskopf (Reinhart & Grodzinsky (1993))

If Condition C were applied blindly, the sentence would be predicted to be ungrammatical, since *he* and *Colonel Weisskopf* denote the same person. One line of analysis, due to Heim (1993), is to make semantic values more fine-grained than is usual by introducing 'guises' or values of implicit descriptions ('individual concepts') under which various denotations are apprehended. In the case at hand the implicit descriptive content of *he* may be something like *the man you just pointed at*, which is probably different from the usual descriptive content associated with *Colonel Weisskopf*. For this reason the two expressions count as referentially distinct from the standpoint of the Binding Theory, and Reinhart's problem can be solved.

This strategy can be adapted to the present framework. In a more elaborate version of our system (one with a context parameter), we could include in the sequence of evaluation functions from contexts to objects rather than simply objects. Thus the sequence of evaluation would contain the values of (rigidified) descriptions rather than the described objects themselves<sup>9</sup> (note that if we wished to preserve the metaphor of the sequence-as-a-memory-register, we would have to say that the sequence contains the descriptions rather than their values, since a memory register can contain symbols but not what they denote). Of course once we make this move we open a Pandora's box - why couldn't we *always* introduce different implicit descriptions to refer to a given individual, thus circumventing any kind of binding-theoretic violation? To put it differently, why is *He likes John* ever unacceptable with coreference, since *he* and *John* could in principle introduce different guises that both denote John? Clearly the use of implicit descriptions must be constrained. We could posit tentatively that, in the unmarked case, there exists a canonical description which is the *only* one under which a given individual may be denoted. Interestingly, Corblin (2002) has suggested a similar constraint for *overt* descriptions<sup>10</sup>. His basic motivation can be illustrated by the following case. If you and I have both known John Smith since our days in graduate school, it will be odd to talk of 'Ann Smith's husband' or of 'the Harvard professor' even if John happens to be married to Ann or to be the only Harvard professor around. In most cases 'John' (or a pronoun) is the only term with which we may naturally refer to him<sup>11</sup>. The hope is that a constraint of this sort could be motivated for implicit descriptions as well. Interestingly, the result we need can be obtained by appealing to Maria Aloni's notion of a 'conceptual cover', which was designed to solve entirely different problems (such as: quantification across attitudes, or the semantics of interrogatives). A conceptual cover is a set of individual concepts such that, 'in each world, each individual constitutes the instantiation of one and only one concept' (Aloni 2001 p. 64)<sup>12</sup>. We need to stipulate that, in the default case (though not, say, when someone's identity is under discussion), objects are referred to through individual concepts that belong to the same conceptual cover, so that for each individual there is one -and no more than one- 'canonical description' for it. Needless to say, this point, which will be set aside in what follows (except for a brief reappearance in Section 3), will have to be investigated in future research.

#### □ Condition C: Adding that-clauses<sup>13</sup>

As is well-known, Condition C effects also hold in sentences with embeddings, such as *#Bill claims that Bill runs*. In order to give an analysis of such examples, I need to say a bit more about the semantics of attitude verbs. To keep things as simple as possible, I stick to the traditional notion that the sentence *Bill claims that Ann runs* is true just in case Bill stands in the *claim* relation to the set of worlds in which Ann runs. In the technical implementation, the rule in (22), which is entirely standard, specifies that a *that*-clause denotes a function from possible worlds to truth values; while (23) stipulates that *that*-clauses should be treated in the same way as R-expressions, in the sense that their denotations should be added at the end of the sequence of evaluation. This naturally leads to the rule of interpretation of attitude verbs given in (23):

(22) Rule for *that*-clauses

$$[[\text{that } \Box]]^w = \lambda w' [[\Box]]^{w'}$$

- (23) Treatment of R-expressions (revised): If  $\alpha$  is a proper name, a definite description, a demonstrative pronoun (i.e. a pronoun with a positive subscript), **or a *that*-clause**,  
 $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^w s = \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^w s = \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^w s \wedge \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^w s$

- (24) Interpretation of attitude verbs

If A is an attitude verb,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket^w s = \#$  iff s violates Non-Redundancy or the last two elements of s are not an individual and a proposition respectively. Otherwise,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket^w s = 1$  iff  $s_2 \sqsubseteq I_w(A)$ , where  $s_2$  is the pair of the last two elements of s.

To illustrate briefly, consider the derivation of *Bill claims that Ann runs* (for simplicity I omit failure conditions):

- (25) a. Bill claims that Ann runs (said by John to Mary)  
 b. (It can be shown that  $\llbracket a \rrbracket^w j^A m^H \neq \#$ )  
 $\llbracket a \rrbracket^w j^A m^H = \llbracket \text{claims that Ann runs} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H b = \llbracket \text{claims} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H b \wedge p$   
 with  $p = \llbracket \text{that Ann runs} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H b = \llbracket w' \rrbracket \llbracket \text{Ann runs} \rrbracket^{w' j^A m^H b}$   
 $= \llbracket w' \rrbracket \llbracket \text{runs} \rrbracket^{w' j^A m^H b \wedge a} = \llbracket w' a \rrbracket I_w(\text{runs})$   
 Hence  $\llbracket a \rrbracket^w j^A m^H = 1$  iff  $b \wedge p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{claims})$

When *Ann* is replaced with *Bill*, the final sequence (written in bold) becomes  $j^A m^H b \wedge b$ , which of course violates Non-Redundancy, as is desired<sup>14</sup>.

#### □ A Deeper Motivation for Non-Redundancy?

At this point we have taken Non-Redundancy to be a primitive of the theory, albeit one that appears to be motivated by the constraints we observed on the use of speaker- and hearer-denoting terms. But is there a deeper motivation for this principle? There might be, although the following argumentation is rather speculative (the impatient reader may skip to the next paragraph without any empirical or formal loss).

Consider any cognitive agent -call him Joe- in a natural environment. Joe must keep track of the objects that he encounters, for instance to learn that they might pose a threat. Now contrast the following two strategies that Joe might follow:

Strategy 1. Whenever a creature c is encountered, create a new file and include in it all the information learned about c.

Strategy 2. Whenever a creature c is encountered: (a) check whether there already is a file for c; if so, add the new information about c to that file; (b) otherwise, create a new file and add to it all the information available about c.

It would seem that Strategy 2 is much more effective than Strategy 1, especially if Joe has memory limitations. Suppose that on Occasion A Joe encountered a tall dark-haired man with a long knife, and created a file F with the relevant information. Suppose further that on Occasion B Joe encountered a tall dark-haired man who angrily shouted at him. Using Strategy 2, if the individual of Occasion B looked sufficiently like that of Occasion A, Joe will *not* create a new file but will simply add to file F the information that the very person who has serious means of destruction also happens to hold a grudge against him. The inference that on future occasions that same individual should be avoided at all costs is then easy to draw. By contrast, if Joe follows Strategy 1 he will have created two files, one, say  $F_1$ , with the information that a tall dark-haired man owns a long knife, and the other,  $F_2$ , with the information that a tall dark-haired man holds a grudge against him. The crucial question for Joe's survival, however, is: are the individuals of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  one and the same? On future encounters Joe may still look through all his files and try to determine whether  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  refer to one and the same individual. Apart from the fact that it might not be optimal to perform this computation online upon each new encounter, there will be a clear loss of information if Joe (like the rest of us) suffers from partial memory loss. On a later occasion all that might remain on file  $F_2$  might be: 'is a tall man who holds a grudge against me', with the information missing that the very same man also

has dark hair. This will make it difficult to infer that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  refer to the same man, who should hence be avoided. By contrast, much more information would have been available if the decision whether the two men were one and the same had been made on Occasion B, when all the information about the angry tall dark-haired man was still vividly available.

This little fable is designed to suggest that Non-Redundancy, i.e. the precept that no new file/cell should be created if it refers to the same individual as an existing file, might be a general cognitive principle rather than a narrowly linguistic one. (End of the speculations)<sup>15</sup>.

## 2 The Interpretation of Pronouns and Condition B

### 2.1 The Interpretation of Pronouns

#### □ Anaphoric Pronouns

Given Non-Redundancy and our rule of interpretation for atomic predicates, we don't have much leeway in the analysis of pronouns. Clearly, anaphoric pronouns cannot *add* a new element to a sequence of evaluation, for this would immediately yield a violation of Non-Redundancy in a sentence such as *Bill likes his mother*, where *his* denotes Bill. On the other hand it also won't do to posit that anaphoric pronouns simply leave a sequence of evaluation unchanged, for given our rule of interpretation for atomic predicates this would yield incorrect results for a sentence such as *Bill claims that Ann thinks that he runs*: if *run* were simply evaluated under the sequence obtained after *Ann* has been processed, we would obtain the value 'true' just in case *run* is satisfied by  $j^A m^H b^a$ ; as a result, running would be attributed to the last member of that sequence, Ann, rather than to Bill - not a desirable result.

The only natural solution is to posit that an anaphoric pronoun *recovers an element that is already in a sequence of evaluation and puts it at the end of that sequence*. This can be implemented in two ways:

(i) We could posit that sequences are reordered, i.e. that an element of position -i is literally 'moved' to the end of the sequence. For instance when  $he_{-2}$  is processed under a sequence  $Mary^A John^A Ann$ , the new sequence of evaluation would be  $Mary^A Ann^A John$ , where John has been moved from position -2 to the last position.

(ii) Alternatively, we could stipulate that an element that is recovered leaves behind an empty cell. Under this view when  $he_{-2}$  is evaluated under a sequence  $Mary^A John^A Ann$ , the new sequence becomes  $Mary^A \#^A Ann^A John$ , where '#' indicates that the position that John used to occupy is now empty.

For reasons that will be discussed later, in the simplest implementation of our theory (ii) is empirically superior to (i). Somewhat surprisingly, however, (i) becomes a viable option when temporal anaphora is taken into account. Adopting for the moment the solution in (ii), I state the following preliminary rule of interpretation for non-demonstrative pronouns:

#### (26) Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns (preliminary)

If  $\square$  is a pronoun  $pro_{-i}$ ,  $[[\square]]^w s = [[\square]]^w s \#$  iff  $s$  has strictly less than  $i$  elements.

Otherwise, for a possibly empty sequence  $s'$  and for some elements  $d_1, \dots, d_i$ ,  $s = s' \wedge d_1^A \dots \wedge d_i^A$  and  $[[\square]]^w s = [[\square]]^w s' \wedge d_{i-1}^A \dots \wedge d_1^A$

A simple grammatical example is given below (the example involves an embedding because otherwise the pronoun would be 'too close' to its antecedent, yielding a Condition B violation):

#### (27) a. Bill claims that $he_{-1}$ runs

b.  $[[a]]^w j^A m^H = [[claims that he_{-1} runs]]^w j^A m^H b = [[claims]]^w j^A m^H b^p$

with  $p = [[that he_{-1} runs]]^w j^A m^H b$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Box w' [\text{he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]^{w'; A^H m^H b} \\
&= \Box w' [\text{runs}]^{w'; A^H m^H \# b} \\
&= \Box w' b \Box I_{w'}(\text{runs})
\end{aligned}$$

Since no referential expression was processed between *Bill* and *he*<sub>-1</sub>, the effects of the rule are fairly trivial in this case. Things become more interesting when an additional level of embedding is added, as in the following, where *Ann* has been 'sandwiched' between *Bill* and *he*<sub>-2</sub>:

$$\begin{aligned}
(28) \quad & \text{a. Bill claims that Ann thinks that he}_{-2} \text{ runs} \\
& \text{b. } [\text{a}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} = [\text{claims that Ann runs}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} b} = [\text{claims}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} b^p} \\
& \text{with } p = [\text{that Ann thinks that he}_{-2} \text{ runs}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} b} \\
& \quad = \Box w' [\text{Ann thinks that he}_{-2} \text{ runs}]^{w'; A^H m^H b} \\
& \quad = \Box w' [\text{thinks that he}_{-2} \text{ runs}]^{w'; A^H m^H b^a} \\
& \quad = \Box w' [\text{thinks}]^{w'; j^{A^H m^H} b^a q_{w'}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{with (for each } w') q_w = q = [\text{that he}_{-2} \text{ runs}]^{w'; j^{A^H m^H} b^a} \\
& \quad \quad \quad = \Box w'' [\text{he}_{-2} \text{ runs}]^{w''; j^{A^H m^H} b^a} \\
& \quad \quad \quad = \Box w'' [\text{runs}]^{w''; j^{A^H m^H} \# a^b} \\
& \quad \quad \quad = \Box w'' b \Box I_{w''}(\text{runs}) \\
& = \Box w' a^q \Box I_{w'}(\text{thinks})
\end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that  $[\text{a}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} \# \#}$ , and  $[\text{a}]^{w; j^{A^H m^H} = 1$  iff  $b^p \Box I_w(\text{claims})$

While this may look a bit complex, all that really matters for binding-theoretic purposes is the nature of the sequences under which the various constituents are evaluated. The crucial step is indicated in bold; the sequence  $j^{A^H m^H} b^a$  is turned into  $j^{A^H m^H} \# a^b$  because a pronoun with index -2 was processed, which moved the element in position -2 to the last position of the sequence, leaving behind #. This derives the intended truth-conditions, since the property of running is now attributed to Bill, and not to Ann, as would have been the case if *b* had not been moved in this way.

I note in passing that in the present system there is exactly one indexing that can make a pronoun  $\Box$  coreferential with a c-commanding term  $\Box$ . This is because each constituent that is in the scope of  $\Box$  is evaluated with respect to a sequence that contains a single occurrence of the denotation of  $\Box$  - say, Peter. Non-Redundancy prevents the pronoun  $\Box$  from introducing another occurrence of Peter in the sequence, and hence  $\Box$  cannot bear a positive index (since pronouns with positive indices, like other R-expressions, add their denotation to the sequence of evaluation). Thus  $\Box$  must bear a negative index, and can denote Peter only if it bears an index that references the position occupied by Peter in the sequence at the point where  $\Box$  is processed - for instance the index -3 if at that point the sequence is  $j^{A^H m^H} p^e a$ . By this reasoning, *he* can refer to Bill in *Bill thinks that he is clever only if* it bears the index -1. This might seem unfortunate in view of the notorious existence of an ambiguity in ellipsis resolution, for instance in *Bill thinks that he is clever and Sam does too*, which may mean that Sam thinks that Bill is clever or that Sam thinks that *Sam* is clever. Traditionally the ambiguity is blamed on the antecedent *Bill thinks that he is clever*, which is taken to have distinct but logically equivalent logical forms. In Section 3 we will see how the ambiguity can be derived in a purely semantic fashion.

#### □ Indexical Pronouns

Indexical pronouns (*I*, *you*) can be incorporated into the present framework, with the provision that *I* may only recover from a sequence an element that bears a superscript *A*, indicating that it is the author of the speech act; and that similarly *you* may only recover an element that bears the superscript *H* (for 'hearer'). By contrast, other pronouns may not recover such elements. The necessary assumption has been stated explicitly in the Appendix III (under 'Adequacy'); its content will be implicitly assumed in what follows. Apart from this, there is nothing special to say about indexical pronouns. In particular, they enter in the same kind of anaphoric relations as third person

pronouns, except that due to the restriction we just discussed *I* and *you* may only recover from the sequence elements that denote the author or the hearer respectively. A consequence of this analysis is that, say, a first person pronoun *p* may be 'bound' by another first person pronoun *p'* that c-commands it -or to put it in the terms of the present theory, *p* may bear the index -*i* if *p'* is the *i*<sup>th</sup> closest referring expression that c-commands *p*. For instance in *I think that I am sick* the second *I* may bear the index -1 (in fact, by the Locality of Variable Binding, to be discussed in Section 3, it *must* bear the index -1).

The hypothesis that first and second person pronouns can be bound contradicts standard treatments of indexicality, which assume that *I* and *you* take their value from a context parameter rather than from an assignment function (Kaplan 1989). But the following facts, due (in a different form) to Heim (1991), show that the standard treatment is incorrect, since first and second person pronouns (unlike other indexicals) do give rise to bound variable readings in ellipsis:

- (29) a. I did my homework. Sam did too.  
       Reading 1: Sam did Sam's homework.  
       Reading 2: Sam did my homework.  
       b. You did your homework. Sam did too.  
       Reading 1: Sam did Sam's homework.  
       Reading 2: Sam did your homework.  
       c. John did his homework. Sam did too.  
       Reading 1: Sam did Sam's homework.  
       Reading 2: Sam did John's homework.

While ellipsis resolution will be discussed in Section 3, we conclude for the moment that it *is* desirable to give first, second and third person pronouns a unified treatment, and thus to allow them all to bear a negative indices.

## 2.2 The Derivation of Reinhart & Reuland's Version of Condition B

### □ Basic Observation

We are now in a position to derive a version of Condition B. The initial observation is that *Bill likes him* cannot normally mean that Bill likes Bill. In the present framework this follows because (a) by Non-Redundancy, there can be no more than one occurrence of Bill in the sequence of evaluation, but (b) the interpretive rule for *likes* requires that the last two positions of the sequence be occupied by Bill if the sentence is to have the intended interpretation. This tension is illustrated in (30) (*Bill likes him*), which is evaluated under a sequence *s*. We may then reason as follows:

-*Bill* adds *b* to the sequence, yielding *s*<sup>^</sup>*b*. The pronoun *him* cannot refer deictically to Bill, as this would add another occurrence of Bill in the sequence, yielding *s*<sup>^</sup>*b*<sup>^</sup>*b*, which violates Non-Redundancy. Thus if *him* is to corefer with *Bill*, it must bear a negative index, in fact the index -1.  
 -But this does not give the intended truth-conditions, as shown in the following derivation:

- (30) a. #Bill likes him<sub>-1</sub> (evaluated under a sequence *s*)  
       b. [[Bill likes him<sub>-1</sub>]]<sup>w</sup> *s*  
       = [[likes him<sub>-1</sub>]]<sup>w</sup> *s*<sup>^</sup>*b*  
       = [[like]]<sup>w</sup> *s*<sup>^</sup>#<sup>^</sup>*b*  
       =# since *like* is transitive and one of the last two elements of the sequence (namely element -2) is #.<sup>16</sup>

This example also provides an empirical argument in favor of the version of the Treatment of Non-Demonstrative Pronouns that we decided upon. The alternative, it will be recalled, was to posit that a pronoun with index -*i* simply moves the element of position -*i* to the end of the sequence *without leaving behind an empty cell*. With such a rule we could still derive the result that *Bill likes him* cannot possibly mean that Bill likes Bill. But we would also obtain the undesirable result that if *him*



bears the index -1 the sentence might come to mean that *Charles likes Bill*, in case Charles figured at the end of the original sequence (for instance because the entire sentence was *Charles believes that [Bill likes him<sub>-1</sub>]*). This unfortunate result is illustrated in (31).

(31) What goes wrong with an alternative treatment of pronouns

- a. #Bill likes him<sub>-1</sub>
- b.  $[[\text{Bill likes him}_{-1}]]^w \dots^c$   
 $= [[\text{likes him}_{-1}]]^w \dots^c b$   
 $= [[\text{like}]]^w \dots^c b$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } c^b \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{likes})$

Even when one has stopped laughing, it isn't clear how the problem can be fixed given this simple framework. But we will see that as soon as temporal anaphora is taken into account the problem can in fact be circumvented (this alternative is discussed in Section 4).

As expected, Condition B violations disappears when there is more 'distance' between the pronoun and its antecedent. The requirement is simply that these should never be coarguments of the same atomic predicate, a condition satisfied in (32):

- (32) a. Bill claims that he<sub>-1</sub> runs (said by John to Mary)
- b.  $[[a]]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[\text{claims that he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b = 1$   
 $= [[\text{claims}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b^p$   
with  $p = [[\text{that he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b = \sqsubseteq w' [[\text{he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b$   
 $= \sqsubseteq w' [[\text{runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \# b = \sqsubseteq w' b \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{runs})$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } b^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{claims})$

One exception is worth pointing out, however. In 'exceptional case marking' (ECM) constructions, the subject of the embedded clause appears to be 'close enough' to the superordinate subject to create a Condition B effect:

- (33) a. Bill believes himself/\*him to be clever.  
b. Pierre<sub>i</sub> se<sub>i</sub>/\*le<sub>i</sub> croit intelligent.  
*Pierre<sub>i</sub> himself<sub>i</sub>/\*him<sub>i</sub> believes intelligent*

For these and related constructions (e.g. A-movement with *seem*), we have no choice but to claim that either directly or through a rule of restructuring, the embedded subject is in fact an argument of the matrix verb. Unless this move can be made plausible the entire analysis of Condition B is threatened. Preliminary remarks on possible solutions are included in Appendix I.

#### □ *Relation to Reinhart & Reuland's theory*

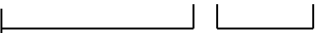
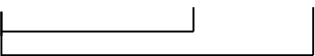
As it stands, the present theory predicts that two arguments of the same predicate cannot denote the same object. This is in essence Reinhart & Reuland's version of Condition B, which states that 'a (semantically) reflexive predicate must be reflexive-marked', i.e. be either (a) lexically reflexive, or else (b) be followed by a zelf-element. This theory has serious problems, even with respect to Dutch-like languages (see for instance Bergeton (2003) for a recent critique of Reinhart & Reuland's theory, based in particular on Danish). But to the extent that it is a major contender in the theory of reflexivity it is interesting to note that the present theory derives this condition, which for Reinhart & Reuland (as well as for competing frameworks) must be stipulated.

### 3 The Locality of Variable Binding and Ellipsis Resolution

#### □ *Denotational Economy and Truth-conditional Economy*

Any theory in which binding is a non-transitive relation between two expressions has to supplement the classic version of Condition B ('a pronoun may not be bound locally') with a

principle that *requires* local binding in certain configurations. Otherwise *Bill claims that he hates him* would be predicted to have a grammatical reading on which *he* is bound non-locally by *Bill*, and thus denotes *Bill* as well. Thus although the binding pattern displayed in (34)a is correctly blocked by Condition B, we must still ensure that an additional principle (which we will 'Locality of Variable Binding', following Fox (2000)) blocks (34)b as well:

- (34) Bill claims that he hates him
- a.  (...ruled out by Condition B)
- b.  (...ruled out by the Locality of Variable Binding)

The intuition that has been pursued in the literature is that the binding pattern in (34)b is disallowed because *him* is bound non-locally by *Bill* even though local binding by *he* would yield the same semantic result (... if local binding were possible, that is; it is clear that the condition must be checked before Binding Conditions have had a chance to rule out (34)a). The general idea, then, is that local binding is more 'economical' and hence preferable to non-local binding. However there are two ways to interpret the relevant notion of economy. *Truth-conditional economy* (Reinhart 1983, Heim 1993, Fox 2000, Buring 2002) stipulates that local binding must be preferred unless non-local binding yields different *truth-conditions*. By contrast, Kehler (1993) argues for a principle of *denotational economy*, which requires local binding unless non-local binding yields a different *denotation* for the bound pronoun. To put it loosely, truth-conditional economy is 'smart' and looks at the interpretation of an entire clause, whereas denotational economy is 'dumb' and considers only the interpretation of a referential expression:

- (35) Truth-conditional vs. Denotational economy
- a. Truth-conditional economy (modified from Buring 2002)  
For any two NPs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , if  $\alpha$  could bind  $\beta$  (i.e. if it c-commands  $\beta$  and  $\beta$  is not bound in  $\alpha$ 's c-command domain already),  $\alpha$  must bind  $\beta$ , **unless this changes the truth conditions of the entire sentence.**
- b. Denotational economy (cf. Kehler 1993<sup>17</sup>)  
For any two NPs  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , if  $\alpha$  could bind  $\beta$  (i.e. if it c-commands  $\beta$  and  $\beta$  is not bound in  $\alpha$ 's c-command domain already),  $\alpha$  must bind  $\beta$ , **unless this changes the denotation of  $\beta$**

Although truth-conditional and denotational economy do not in general make the same predictions, they both rule out (34)b.

As it turns out, the present theory predicts that Denotational Economy should always be satisfied. Crucially, and unlike what is the case in other theories, Economy is not an autonomous principle; rather, it follows from the very architecture of the system - nothing needs to be added to obtain Kehler's prediction. Let us now see why. As was observed earlier, in the present framework there is at most one indexing that makes a pronoun coreferential with a given expression that c-commands it. Furthermore, if three coreferential expressions are in a c-command relation of the form [... A...  $\alpha_1$ ...  $\alpha_2$ ], where A c-commands  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_1$  c-commands  $\alpha_2$ , and both  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are pronouns (the only grammatical possibility, by Non-Redundancy),  $\alpha_2$  must bear the index -i if  $\alpha_1$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  referential expression from  $\alpha_2$ . More concretely, (36)a can yield a reading on which *his* denotes John only if *his* bears the index -1:

- (36) a. <sup>Ok</sup>John claims that  $he_{-1}$  believes that  $he_{-1}$  isn't good enough  
b. \*John claims that  $he_{-1}$  believes that  $he_{-2}$  isn't good enough

The indexing in (36)b would in fact result in ungrammaticality. An initial sequence of evaluation  $s$  will be turned into  $s^{\wedge j}$  after *John* has been processed, and then into  $s^{\wedge \# j}$  after  $he_{-1}$  has been processed. At that point an attempt to interpret  $he_{-2}$  will yield a failure, since the element in position -2 is  $\#$ .

Going back to *John claims that he hates him*, we can now see that on any indexing for *him* the sentence will result in a semantic failure:

- (37) a. John claims that  $he_{-1}$  hate  $him_{-1}$  => uninterpretable (Condition B)  
 b. John claims that  $he_{-1}$  hate  $him_{-2}$  => uninterpretable (Denotational Economy)

Suppose the initial sequence of evaluation is  $s$ . Whether the indexing is as in (37)a or (37)b, the new sequence of evaluation after *John* has been processed must be  $s^{\wedge}j$ , which in turn is transformed into  $s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}j$  after *he<sub>-1</sub>* has been processed. If *him* bears the index -1, ungrammaticality results because *hate* is evaluated under a sequence  $s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}j$ , which has  $\#$  in one of its last two positions. If on the other hand *him* bears the index -2, *hate* is evaluated under a sequence  $s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}j^{\wedge}\#$ , which again yields a semantic failure (here too  $\#$  is found in one of the last two positions). This is precisely the result that we want.

#### □ *Bound vs. Strict Readings in Ellipsis*

Since the empirical arguments in favor of the Locality of Variable Binding stem from an analysis of ellipsis resolution, I should say a word about how the latter is handled in the present system.

It is often argued that a sentence such as *Peter claims that he runs* has two possible syntactic representations that both yield a coreferential reading. In one of them, *he* is a variable bound by *Peter* (or by a  $\lambda$ -abstractor that immediately follows *Peter*); in the other *he* is a free variable that happens to denote Peter. This analysis is motivated by the observation that an ambiguity arises in some elided clauses: *Peter claims that he runs and Sam does too* may entail that Sam claims that Peter runs (strict reading), or that Sam claims that Sam runs (sloppy reading). On the ambiguity view, the elided conjunct is read as 'sloppy' if its antecedent has a Logical Form in which the pronoun is bound (e.g. by a  $\lambda$ -abstractor, as in (38)a); and it is read as 'strict' otherwise:

- (38) a. Peter  $\lambda x$   $x$  claims that  $he_x$  runs. Sam does too  ~~$\lambda x$   $x$  claims that  $he_x$  runs.~~  
       □ Sam claims that Sam runs (=sloppy reading)  
 b. Peter  $\lambda x$   $x$  claims that  $he_y$  runs. Sam does too  ~~$\lambda x$   $x$  claims that  $he_y$  runs.~~  
       where  $y$  denotes Peter  
       □ Sam claims that Peter runs (=strict reading)

In the present theory, by contrast, the strict/sloppy distinction *cannot be represented syntactically*, for the simple reason that for any coreferential reading involving c-command there is a single indexing that can represent it. Is this a problem? No, because in any event the ambiguity theory does not suffice to account for all the facts; and (a version of) the additional mechanism that is needed anyway turns out to be sufficient to derive the strict/sloppy distinction *without* a syntactic ambiguity in the first place. The following examples, originally due to Dahl (1973), show that in a sequence of two elided VPs the first one may be read as sloppy even though the second is read as strict (as before I have followed Fox's convention and indicated in angle brackets the intended reading of the deleted material):

- (39) a. Max thinks he is strong, Oscar does, too <think that Oscar is strong>, but his father doesn't <think that Oscar is strong>. (Fiengo & May 1994 p. 131)  
 b. Smithers thinks that his job sucks. Homer does, too <think that Homer's job sucks>. However, Homer's wife doesn't <think that Homer's job sucks> (Fox 2000 p. 117)  
 c. John revised his paper, and Bill did too <revise Bill's paper>, although the teacher didn't <revise Bill's paper> (Hardt 2003).

If the antecedent has a 'sloppy' *syntactic representation*, then both elided VPs should be sloppy as well; on the other hand if it has a 'strict' representation, both elided VPs should be strict. The mixed case which is in fact observed (the second clause is read as sloppy, and the third as strict with respect to the second) is ruled out by the ambiguity theory. An additional stipulation is thus needed. Fox

(2000), followed by Buring (2002), postulates in essence that an elided element can bear a different index from its antecedent, as long as a condition of parallelism is respected. It is then decreed that an elided element may be parallel to its antecedent either by displaying the same anaphoric dependencies, or by having the same referential value. Thus the reading described in (39)c is presumably represented as in (40): the second conjunct is syntactically parallel to the first (the  $\square$ -abstract has been literally copied); the third conjunct is not syntactically parallel to the second, since the index of *his* has been changed from *x* to *y*. However if *y* denotes Bill, *his<sub>y</sub>* is in fact semantically parallel to *his<sub>x</sub>* because it has the same referential value.

- (40) John  $\square x$  *x* revised *his<sub>x</sub>* paper, and Bill did too  $\square x$  ~~*x* revised *his<sub>x</sub>* paper~~,  
although the teacher didn't  $\square x$  ~~*x* revised *his<sub>y</sub>* paper~~.

Once 'referential values' are appealed to in this fashion, we might as well make them do all the work. Here I will simply suggest that in the course of ellipsis resolution *an elided pronoun may optionally introduce in the sequence the value that its antecedent did*. To put it differently, an elided pronoun with index *-i* can optionally replace 'at the last minute' the element it is 'supposed' to bring to the last position of the sequence of evaluation with the element that its antecedent had recovered when the corresponding element of the unelided clause was processed. This is admittedly an outright, brutal and ugly stipulation, but as far as I can tell it is not worse than the stipulation that other theories need anyway. To illustrate the basic mechanism, consider the interpretation of *Bill claims that he runs*, followed by the two possible interpretations of *Sam does too* (again I omit failure conditions):

- (41) a. Bill claims that *he<sub>-1</sub>* runs (said by John to Mary)  
b.  $[[a]]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[\text{claims that } he_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b = 1$   
 $= [[\text{claims}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b^p$   
with  $p = [[\text{that } he_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H b = \square w' [[\text{he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]^{w'} j^{A^H} m^H b$   
 $= \square w' [[\text{runs}]]^{w'} j^{A^H} m^H \# b = \square w' b \square I_w(\text{runs})$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } b^p \square I_w(\text{claims})$
- (42) Sam does too ~~claim that he<sub>-1</sub> runs~~ (said by John to Mary)  
a. *Sloppy reading*: recover the syntactic form of the antecedent, and interpret it in the normal way. The interpretation is like (41)a, with *Sam* replacing *Bill* and *s* replacing *b*.  
b. *Strict reading*: recover the syntactic form of the antecedent, and when *he<sub>-1</sub>* is processed add to the sequence the value that its antecedent had recovered from the sequence in the course of the interpretation of the antecedent clause.  
 $[[a]]_{\text{strict}}^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[\text{claim that he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]_{\text{strict}}^w j^{A^H} m^H s = 1$   
 $= [[\text{claims}]]_{\text{strict}}^w j^{A^H} m^H s^p$   
with  $p = [[\text{that he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]_{\text{strict}}^w j^{A^H} m^H s = \square w' [[\text{he}_{-1} \text{ runs}]]_{\text{strict}}^{w'} j^{A^H} m^H s$   
 $= \square w' [[\text{runs}]]_{\text{strict}}^{w'} j^{A^H} m^H \# b$  (deleting *s* and introducing in the sequence *b*,  
which was in position -1 in the sequence  $j^{A^H} m^H b$ , i.e. in the sequence with respect to which the antecedent pronoun was evaluated)  
 $= \square w' b \square I_w(\text{runs})$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } s^p \square I_w(\text{claims})$

The crucial step is indicated in bold. In (42)b the pronoun *he<sub>-1</sub>* starts by deleting the element that was in position -1. But instead of adding that same element at the end of the sequence, it introduces the element that was so introduced in the corresponding step of the interpretation of the antecedent, shown in bold in (41)b. This derives the strict reading. While this is by no means a full account of ellipsis, this sketch will suffice to make the point we need concerning the Locality of Variable Binding.

□ *Dahl's Puzzle [=Fiengo & May's 'Many Pronouns Puzzle']*

Fox (2000) introduces his principle of Locality of Variable Binding in order to account, among other things, for 'Dahl's puzzle' (also called the 'Many Pronouns Puzzle' by Fiengo & May 1994). The puzzle is this: if an elided pronoun  $\square_i$  is resolved as strict, all the elided pronouns it c-commands must be read as strict too. This is illustrated in the two pronoun case below:

- (43) Max said he saw his mother, and Oscar did too. (Fiengo & May's (3) p. 130)
- |                                   |                                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| a. <sup>Ok</sup> sloppy - sloppy: | Oscar said that Oscar saw Oscar's mother |
| b. <sup>Ok</sup> strict - strict: | Oscar said that Max saw Max's mother     |
| c. <sup>Ok</sup> sloppy - strict: | Oscar said that Oscar saw Max's mother   |
| d. *strict - sloppy:              | Oscar said that Max saw Oscar's mother   |

Fiengo & May (1993) claim that the generalization holds when there are more pronouns, and they give a procedure to construct all possible readings. Here are some examples, where  $\square$  indicates that a pronoun is read as strict while  $\square$  indicates that it is read as sloppy:

- (44) Available readings in ellipsis (Fiengo & May pp. 134-135) (Left-to-right order represents c-command)  $\square$ =pronouns read as strict;  $\square$ =pronouns read as sloppy

2 pronouns	3 pronouns	4 pronouns
$\square \square$	$\square \square \square$	$\square \square \square \square$
$\square \square$	$\square \square \square$	$\square \square \square \square$
$\square \square$	$\square \square \square$	$\square \square \square \square$
	$\square \square \square$	$\square \square \square \square$
		$\square \square \square \square$

According to Fiengo & May, the generalization holds only when the strict pronoun *c-commands* the other pronouns. When there is no c-command relation, no readings are filtered out, as is illustrated below (*his* does not c-command *him*, and thus *him* can be read as sloppy even when *his* is read as strict):

- (45) Max said his mother saw him, and Oscar did, too (Fiengo & May's (53) p. 156)
- |                                   |                                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| a. <sup>Ok</sup> sloppy - sloppy: | Oscar said that Oscar's mother saw Oscar |
| b. <sup>Ok</sup> strict - strict: | Oscar said that Max's mother saw Max     |
| c. <sup>Ok</sup> sloppy - strict: | Oscar said that Oscar's mother saw Max   |
| d. <sup>Ok</sup> strict - sloppy: | Oscar said that Max's mother saw Oscar   |

In essence, Fox 2000 derives the generalization by suggesting that the only binding relation authorized in the antecedent of (43) is the one given in (46) (only the most local binding is allowed, since long-distance binding would not modify the truth-conditions of this conjunct; note that it is crucial in Fox's theory that economy be computed separately in each conjunct):

- (46) Max said that he saw his mother.

As a result, Fox's disjunctive definition of parallelism (an element may be parallel to its antecedent by displaying the same syntactic dependencies *or* by having the same referential value) authorizes the readings in (47)a-c, but crucially not that in (47)d:

- (47) Oscar did too.
- |                                           |                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| a. Oscar said that he saw his mother.     | <u>          </u> <u>          </u>     |
| b. Oscar said that <Max> saw his mother   | <u>                                </u> |
| c. Oscar said that he saw <Max>'s mother. | <u>                                </u> |
| d. *Oscar said that <Max> saw his mother. | <u>                                </u> |

(47)a is allowed by syntactic parallelism. (47)b is allowed because *<Max>* (or rather, a pronoun *he* with a new index, denoting Max) satisfies referential parallelism, while *his* satisfies syntactic parallelism (it displays the same dependency as its antecedent). (47)c is allowed because *he* is syntactically parallel to its antecedent, while *<John>* has the same reference as its antecedent. On the other hand (47)d is correctly predicted to be ungrammatical: *his* isn't referentially parallel to its antecedent, since it denotes Oscar, not Max. And it isn't syntactically parallel to its antecedent either, since by economy the latter had to be bound locally.

Fox's result can be replicated in the present framework. There is no choice as to the Logical Form of the elided part of (47), which is simply copied from the antecedent VP, yielding (48):

(48) Max said that  $he_{-1}$  saw  $his_{-1}$  mother. Oscar did too ~~say that  $he_{-1}$  saw  $his_{-1}$  mother~~.

The various interpretive possibilities arise when different choices are made in the interpretive component: for each elided pronoun either its 'normal' value or the value of its antecedent can be added to the sequence of evaluation. This yields the following possibilities, where for simplicity I have only represented the crucial sequences rather than the entire derivations:

(49) Oscar did too ~~say that  $he_{-1}$  saw  $his_{-1}$  mother~~.

a. Sloppy-sloppy reading: the normal interpretation process applies

$s^{\wedge}o$

$s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}o$

$s^{\wedge}\#\#^{\wedge}o$

b. Strict-strict reading: Max instead of Oscar is added to the sequence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> step.

$s^{\wedge}o$

$s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}m$  [*he<sub>-1</sub>* deletes *o*; but instead of inserting it at the end of the sequence, it inserts the element that its unelided counterpart had recovered in the interpretation of the antecedent, i.e. *m*]

c. Sloppy-strict reading: Max instead of Oscar is added to the sequence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> step

$s^{\wedge}o$

$s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}o$

$s^{\wedge}\#\#\#^{\wedge}m$  [*his<sub>-1</sub>* deletes *o*; but instead of inserting *o* at the end of the sequence, it inserts the element that its unelided counterpart had recovered in the interpretation of the antecedent, i.e. *m*]

d. \*Strict-sloppy: cannot be derived

As in Fox's and Kehler's systems, the unattested reading on which *he* is strict (=denotes Max) while *his* is sloppy (=denotes Oscar) can simply not be derived. This is because the only way for *he<sub>-1</sub>* to denote Max is to introduce the value of its antecedent rather than its 'normal' value in the sequence of evaluation. But then the rest of the sentence, ~~*saw his<sub>-1</sub> mother*~~, is evaluated with respect to the new sequence  $s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}m$ . There are then only two possibilities for the interpretation of *his<sub>-1</sub>*, which both yield the same result:

(i) if nothing special is done, *his<sub>-1</sub>* recovers the last element of  $s^{\wedge}\#^{\wedge}m$ , and thus *his* denotes *m*.

(ii) alternatively, *his<sub>-1</sub>* may recover the value of its unelided counterpart. But unelided *his<sub>-1</sub>* denoted *m* as well, so this gives exactly the same result as (i).

Thus not matter which choice is made, we obtain an across-the-board strict reading, as in (49)b<sup>18</sup>.

#### □ Different Predictions

Let us now come to predictions that discriminate between Truth-conditional and Denotational Economy. Fox cites the following as evidence for Truth-conditional Economy (and against a potential alternative based on Denotational Economy):

- (50) a. Everybody hates Lucifer. In fact, Lucifer knows very well that only he (himself) pities him.  
 b. Everybody hates every devil. In fact, every devil knows very well that only he (himself) pities him. (Fox's (34) p. 124)

Fox's argument can be reconstructed as follows: In *Lucifer knows very well that only he (himself) pities him*, the presence of *only* yields a truth-conditional difference between a representation in which *him* is bound locally and one in which it is bound by *Lucifer*:

- (51) a. Lucifer  $\Box x$  knows very well that [only  $he_x$ ]  $\Box y$  pities  $him_y$ .  
 $\Box$  Lucifer knows that Lucifer is the only person that has the property of pitying oneself.  
 b. Lucifer  $\Box x$  knows very well that [only  $he_x$ ]  $\Box y$  pities  $him_x$ .  
 $\Box$  Lucifer knows that Lucifer is the only person that has the property of pitying Lucifer

Since the interpretation obtained in (51)b is not equivalent to that in (51)a, Truth-conditional Economy does allow for non-local binding. By contrast, Denotational Economy predicts that Condition B should be violated.

While Fox's analysis is appealing, there are two problems with it.

(i) First, many examples that Fox predicts to be good are in fact rather degraded. This is particularly clear in French, where -for reasons that I do not understand- the clitics appear to make various binding-theoretic effects much sharper (for instance internal to French there is a contrast between *\*Tu vous aimes* [you-sg you-pl. like] and *?Tu aimes VOUS* [you-sg. like YOU-pl], where the object in the latter example is not cliticized). In English (50)b is not clearly acceptable. But its French counterpart is rather clearly ungrammatical, as shown in (52)a:

- (52) a. *\*?Tout le monde déteste les diabolins. Chacun des diabolins sait d'ailleurs  
 \*?Everyone hates the little-devils. Each of the little-devils knows in-fact  
 pertinemment que lui seul l'aime.  
 very-well that he alone him likes*  
 b. <sup>Ok</sup> ... que lui seul s'aime  
<sup>Ok</sup> ... that he alone himself likes

(Interestingly, and contrary to the predictions of every theory I know (including this one) (52)b allows both for a strict and for a sloppy reading<sup>19</sup>).

(ii) Second, the examples that *are* good can be accounted for by appealing to a more fine-grained semantics, in which not just the denotations but also the senses (the implicit descriptions under which the objects are referred to) are included in the sequences of evaluation.

- (53) a. (Who is this man over there?) He is Colonel Weisskopf (Reinhart & Grodzinsky 1993)  
 b. A: Is this speaker Zelda?  
 B: How can you doubt it? She praises her to the sky. No competing candidate would do that.  
 (Heim 1993)

As was mentioned earlier, the natural suggestion is that the same individual, say Weisskopf, is denoted under different 'guises' - once as the person who is over there, and a second time as a well-known colonel. Non-Redundancy is then violated just in case the same guise occurs in different cells of the same sequence, which is not the case in (53).

Once this mechanism is in place, it is tempting to use it to account for Fox's data as well. The idea is that *Lucifer knows very well that only he (himself) pities him* is good to the extent that *he* and *him* refer to Lucifer under different guises. Two arguments suggest that this line of explanation might be correct.

(a) First, to the extent that Fox's *only* examples are acceptable, they can often be followed by sentences *without only* that also obviate Condition B. To my ear the following have the same status as Fox's original examples:

- (54) Presque tout le monde déteste Lucifer. En fait, Lucifer sait fort bien que lui seul l'aime.  
*Almost everybody hates Lucifer. In fact, Lucifer knows perfectly well that only he likes him*  
 'Aimer' est d'ailleurs un terme qui est trop faible: **il l'adore.**  
*'like' is in fact a term which is too weak: he adores him*

In each case the last sentence (printed in bold) appears to be as acceptable as the sentences that precede it. But since the last sentence does not include *only*, there is no way non-local binding could make any difference to its interpretation. To the extent that the last sentence is acceptable, one is presumably forced to posit that the two pronouns refer to the same individual under different guises, so that Condition B is not violated in the end. But if such an assumption is needed for the last sentence, why could it not also explain the acceptability of the preceding sentences? It seems that 'guises' are all we need to account for Fox's data.

(b) Additional evidence might be provided by the behavior of plural pronouns. Note that whenever a single individual is presented under different guises, a plural expression may be used to assert that these guises pick out the same object. If I see someone a mirror, and then see the same person standing in the distance, I may say: *They are one and the same!* With this observation in mind, it is interesting to consider the tentative generalization in (55), which is illustrated in (56):

- (55) Whenever two singular coreferential expressions  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are in a configuration that should trigger a Binding Theory violation but doesn't,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  can be followed (often with an ironic overtone) by a plural pronoun  $P$  that refers to the (unique) denotation of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ . In other words, for purposes of computing plurality,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  count as distinct.
- (56) a. ?Pierre déteste Anne, Jean déteste Anne, François déteste Anne également - mais bien entendu Anne ne déteste pas Anne (il faut dire qu'elles ont beaucoup de choses en commun).  
*P. hates A., J. hates A., F. hates A. too - but of course A. doesn't hate A (unsurprisingly, since they have a lot in common)*  
 b. Pierre déteste Anne, Jean déteste Anne, François la déteste aussi - seule Anne ne la déteste pas (il faut dire qu'elles ont beaucoup de choses en commun)  
*P. hates A., J. hates A., F. hates her too - only A. doesn't hate her (which is unsurprising, since they have a lot in common)*  
 c. ... Anne ne se déteste pas (#il faut dire qu'elles ont beaucoup de choses en commun).  
 ... A. doesn't hate herself (#which is unsurprising, since they have a lot in common)
- (57) a. Tout le monde déteste Lucifer. Même Lucifer déteste Lucifer. (Il faut dire qu'ils ont déjà eu maille à partir.)  
*Everybody hates Lucifer. Even Lucifer hates Lucifer. (It should be added that they have already had problems (=with each other))*  
 b. Tout le monde déteste Lucifer. Même Lucifer le déteste. (Il faut dire qu'ils ont déjà eu maille à partir.)  
*Everybody hates Lucifer. Even Lucifer hates him. (It should be added that they have already had problems (=with each other))*  
 c. Tout le monde déteste Lucifer. Même Lucifer se déteste. (#Il faut dire qu'ils ont déjà eu maille à partir.)  
*Everybody hates Lucifer. Even Lucifer hates himself. (#It should be added that they have already had problems (=with each other))*

In (56) and (57) a. obviates Condition C, b. obviates Condition B violation, while c. satisfies Condition A and thus includes a reflexive pronoun. To the extent that a. and b. are acceptable, they can relatively easily (though with a somewhat ironic overtone) be followed by a plural pronoun which in fact refers to a single individual, presumably under two guises. This is entirely impossible in c. The natural explanation is that the sentences in a. and b. are in fact acceptable *because* the same



individual is denoted under different guises, which (i) obviates Conditions B and C, and (ii) makes it possible to use a plural pronoun to refer to a single individual<sup>20</sup>. However if this explanation is on the right track, an analysis based on guises suffices to account for the data, and there is no need for a rule of Truth-conditional Economy.

Preliminary evidence (based on three American speakers) suggests that (55) might hold for English as well. As for (54), judgments differ, and some speakers finding that similar sentences tend to become worse when the sentence in bold is added. If so the facts in (55) would favor the present theory, and those in (54) Fox's. Needless to say much more empirical work is needed to settle the issue.<sup>21,22</sup>

#### 4 Temporal Anaphora and a Simpler Alternative

In the preceding sections issues of temporal semantics were entirely disregarded. Rather unsurprisingly, temporal anaphora can easily be incorporated to the present framework. What is more surprising, however, is that temporal anaphora also allows for a simplification of the system, though with some subtle differences whose consequences are not yet entirely clear. In a nutshell, incorporating tense allows us to get rid of the device of 'empty cells', which was hitherto crucial to obtain failure when Condition B was violated.

Consider first the sentence *Bill liked Charles*. Following a long tradition initiated by Partee (1973), we treat tense as a time-denoting pronoun, whose reference is giving deictically in this case. In addition to its two individual arguments *Bill* and *Charles*, the verb *like* will now take a temporal argument, which we write as  $T_i$ , with the assumption that  $T_i$  denotes a salient past moment  $t'$  (if the tense were indexical or anaphoric,  $T$  would carry a negative index). Assuming that the time of utterance (like other coordinates of the speech act) is represented in the initial sequence of evaluation as  $t^U$ , we obtain the following derivation:

- (58) a. Bill liked Charles  
 a'.  $[T_i [Bill [like Charles]]]$   
 b.  $[[a']]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H}$   
 $=[[[Bill [like Charles]]]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t'}$   
 $=[[[like Charles]]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t' b}$   
 $=[[like]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t' b c}$   
 $=1 \text{ iff } t' b c \sqsubseteq I_w(like)$

So far, so good - as long as the denotation of *like* at a world  $w$  is a set of triples of the form  $time \wedge individual_1 \wedge individual_2$ , the correct truth conditions are predicted. Now consider the sentence *Bill liked him*, where *him* is intended to denote Bill. We wish to derive a semantic failure to account for the Condition B effect. We could of course resort to the procedure of empty cells, as we did in the preceding sections. In this way we would end up evaluating *like* under the sequence  $j^{A\wedge m^H} t^{U\wedge t' \# b}$ , and the desired failure would follow right away. But the same result can also be derived in a more elegant fashion. Suppose that anaphoric pronouns simply move the elements they recover to the end of the sequence, *without replacing them with empty cells in their original position* (this is the alternative theory that we considered and rejected when we discussed the treatment of indexical and anaphoric pronouns). In this new system we obtain the following derivation:

- (59) a. #Bill liked him<sub>1</sub>  
 a'.  $[T_i [Bill [like him_{11}]]]$   
 b.  $[[a']]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H}$   
 $=[[[Bill [like him_{11}]]]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t'}$   
 $=[[[like him_{11}]]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t' b}$   
 $=[[like]]^w t^{U\wedge A\wedge m^H t' b}$

In the line written in bold, the pronoun *him<sub>i</sub>* had the effect of (i) recovering the element in position -1, namely b, and (ii) bringing it to the last position, *without replacing it with #*. Because b was already in the last position of the sequence, the net effect was to leave the sequence of evaluation unchanged. But now when we come to the last step of the interpretation procedure, we have to evaluate *like* with respect to a sequence whose last three elements are  $m^H t^H b$ . It is natural to assume that a semantic failure is triggered at this point, because *like* wants to be evaluated under a sequence whose last three elements are of the form  $\text{time}^H \text{individual}_1^H \text{individual}_2^H$ . In  $m^H t^H b$  the time argument is in the 'wrong place', so to speak - it should be in position -3, but because the anaphoric pronoun *he<sub>i</sub>* failed to introduce a 'new' individual argument in the sequence, t' ends up being in position -2. In this way a failure is correctly derived without the device of empty cells.

This result holds quite generally. Consider an atomic predicate  $\square$  which takes  $\square$  as its temporal argument, and which in addition expects  $n$  individual arguments. When none of the individual arguments of  $\square$  are coreferential,  $\square$  will in the end be evaluated under a sequence of the form  $\dots \hat{d}^H t^H \hat{d}_1^H \dots \hat{d}_n^H$ , where  $t'$  is the denotation of  $\square$ . On the other hand if one of the individual arguments of  $\square$  is anaphoric on one of the others, it will fail to introduce a new individual in the sequence, and thus in the end the predicate will be evaluated under a sequence of the form  $\dots \hat{d}^H t^H \hat{d}_1^H, \dots \hat{d}_{n-1}^H$ . But now the time argument of the predicate is necessarily in the wrong position - it should be in position  $-(n+1)$  but is in fact in position  $-n$ , which triggers a semantic failure.

This analysis can be extended to Condition B effects that apply within a Noun Phrase. As was noted by a number of researchers, nouns, just like verbs, appear to have a time argument. The main observation the latter may be evaluated independently of the tense of the clause it appears in (Enç 1987). Take for instance the sentence *The fugitives are now in jail*, due to Enç. If *fugitive* were evaluated with respect to the same time as the predicate *be in jail*, a contradiction would be obtained (since a person cannot both be a fugitive at  $t$  and be in jail at  $t$ ), contrary to fact. Enç's suggestion was that *fugitive* has a concealed time argument, which behaves very much like a pronoun. In this case this temporal pronoun is interpreted deictically, so that the sentence means something like: *the people who were fugitive at  $t$  are now in jail*. Enç's conclusion was that nouns too take a time argument. Assuming further that this time argument appears in the highest position in the noun phrase, we can account for Condition B effects in noun phrases, e.g. in *#John's worry about him<sub>i</sub> is excessive*. A semantic failure is triggered because *worry* needs its time argument to come before its two individual arguments at the end of the sequence of evaluation. But when one of the individual arguments is anaphoric on the other, the time arguments ends up in the 'wrong' position, as is desired.

## 5 Quantification and Crossover Constraints<sup>23</sup>

As it stands, our theory encounters a serious problem with quantification - it incorrectly predicts that a sentence such as *Ed thinks that every professor is underpaid* cannot attribute to Ed the thought that every professor *including Ed himself* is underpaid (Daniel Büring, p.c.). The problem is real, and a stipulation is needed to solve it; but this stipulation also yields a direct account of Weak and Strong Crossover, as well as of the difference between them.

To understand what the issue is, let us see how quantification could naturally be incorporated to the present framework. Assuming with several standard theories that quantifiers take scope by undergoing 'Quantifier Raising', we could posit the following rule for *every* (again I omit failure conditions):

$$(60) \quad \lll \lll [\text{every } N'] I' \rrr \rrr \rrr^w s=1 \text{ iff for each } d \text{ satisfying } \lll N' \rrr \rrr^w s^H d=1, \lll I' \rrr \rrr^w s^H d=1$$

Similarly we could decide to treat traces in exactly the same way as pronouns. If we followed this course we would obtain the following derivation for *Every professor is underpaid*:

- (61) a. [[Every professor] [ $t_1$  is underpaid]]  
 b.  $[[a]]^w s = 1$  iff for each  $d$  such  $[[professor]]^w s^d = 1$ ,  $[[t_1 \text{ is-underpaid}]]^w s^d = 1$   
 iff for each  $d$  such  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(professor)$ ,  $[[is-underpaid]]^w s^{\#d} = 1$   
 iff for each  $d$  such  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(professor)$ ,  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(is-underpaid)$

Unfortunately, if Non-Redundancy is checked with respect to each of the many sequences that enter in the truth-conditions of (61), we must predict that *Ed thinks that every professor is underpaid* cannot mean that Ed thinks that every professor *including himself* is underpaid. The reason for this is that once *Ed* has been processed *every professor is underpaid* must be evaluated as in (61), but under an initial sequence of the form  $s = s^e$  where  $e$  is *Ed*. As a result, for  $d = e$  Non-Redundancy is violated, contrary to what we want.

This problem suggests that the elements that are introduced by a quantifier *do not appear in the sequence of evaluation*, but in a different sequence, which we will call the 'quantificational sequence', and which is not itself subject to Non-Redundancy (for otherwise the same problem could be recreated with more complex examples, e.g. *Everybody loves everybody*, which certainly requires that *love* be evaluated at some point with respect to a sequence that contains two instances of John<sup>24</sup>). Since the elements of the quantificational sequence must in the end play a role in the evaluation of predicates, the sequence of evaluation must have a way to cross-reference them. We assume that *traces of quantifiers perform this function*, by introducing in the sequence of evaluation indices that cross-reference cells of the quantificational sequence (thus traces play a role which is *very* different from that of pronouns). This mechanism solves the above problem, but it also explains why there are Crossover effects. The heart of the matter is that the effect of a quantifier is now decomposed into two separate steps, which are conflated in standard treatments:

-Introduction step: when a quantifier is evaluated with respect to a sequence of evaluation  $s$  and a quantificational sequence  $q$ , it leaves  $s$  unchanged but turns  $q$  into  $q^d$  for each object  $d$  that is quantified over.

-Cross-reference step: when a trace indexed with the quantifier is processed, an index  $i$  is introduced in the sequence of evaluation which indicates which cell of the quantificational sequence must be retrieved.

-If necessary, there can then be further anaphoric steps, with garden-variety pronouns. The index  $i$  is then treated as any other object found in the sequence of evaluation. If the trace is followed by a pronoun with index  $-1$ , the sequence of evaluation is turned from  $s^i$  into  $s^{\#i}$ , as is required by the rule of interpretation of anaphoric pronouns. Crucially, if the anaphoric step precedes the cross-reference step, the pronoun will try to retrieve from the sequence of evaluation an object which is not there yet (since it is only after the trace has been processed that the index  $i$  is added to the sequence of evaluation). This, in a nutshell, is our account of Weak Crossover effects: pronouns can be affected by quantifiers only after a trace has introduced in the sequence of evaluation an index that cross-references the relevant cell of the quantificational sequence.

### 5.1 Separating Quantification from Anaphora: Weak Crossover Effects

#### □ Basic examples

Let us make this analysis more precise. To start with an example, consider what happens in the new system when *Every man is mortal* is evaluated under a sequence of evaluation  $s$  and an empty quantificational sequence. We adopt the same notation as before to encode dependencies between traces and their antecedents:  $t_1$  indicates that the trace is bound by the closest potential binder, i.e. by the closest quantifier,  $t_2$  by the second closest, etc<sup>25</sup>. In addition, the empty sequence is written as  $\emptyset$ . Thus  $[[a]]^w s, \emptyset$  indicates that  $a$  is evaluated with respect to the sequence of evaluation  $s$  and the empty quantificational sequence.

- (62) a. [Every man] [ $t_1$  is mortal]  
 b.  $[[a]]^w s, \emptyset = 1$  iff

- [Step 1] for each  $d$  such  $[[\text{man}]]^w s, \emptyset=1, [[t_{-1} \text{ is-mortal}]]^w s, \emptyset=1$   
 iff [Step 2] for each  $d$  such  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[\text{is-mortal}]]^w s^1, d=1$   
 iff [Step 3] for each  $d$  such  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{is-mortal})=1$

Consider the evaluation of the nuclear scope  $t_{-1} \text{ is mortal}$ . In the first step, for each individual  $d$  which satisfies the restrictor (i.e. for each  $d$  which is a man),  $d$  is added to the quantificational sequence. Then in the second step an index is added to the sequence of evaluation to cross-reference the corresponding element of the quantificational sequence (here the index is 1, because there is a single element in the quantificational sequence). Then this information is used to evaluate the atomic predicate *is-mortal*. Essentially the same thing happens for the restrictor, except that there is no need to indicate which element of the quantificational sequence must be retrieved, because a noun is always evaluated with respect to the element introduced by its determiner.

Before we get into further technicalities, let us see what goes wrong in an example that involves Weak Crossover. As before, the quantifier introduces an element in the quantificational sequence. But as long as the trace hasn't been processed, this element cannot be recovered by a pronoun, whose search domain is the sequence of evaluation, not the quantificational sequence. Thus we can get as far as the interpretive step given in (63)b:

- (63) a. ??His mother likes every man  
 a'. [Every man] [[the [ $he_{-i}$  mother]]] [likes  $t_{-1}$ ]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w s, \emptyset=1$  iff for each  $d$  such  $[[\text{man}]]^w s, d=1, [[\text{the } [he_{-i} \text{ mother}]] \text{ likes } t_{-1}]]^w s, d=1$

No matter what the index of  $his_{-i}/he_{-i}$  is, the pronoun will not be able to recover the object  $d$ , for the simple reason that  $d$  is not in the correct sequence. If on the other hand the trace  $t_{-1}$  had been processed 'before' [ $his_{-i} \text{ mother}$ ], i.e. in a position that c-commands it, there would have been no such problem -  $his_{-i}$  could have retrieved an index that cross-referenced the relevant element of the quantificational sequence, and the final truth-conditions would have been correct.

#### □ Rules

I mention for completeness the rules that will be needed. I make the following assumptions about the syntax/semantics interface:

- (a) An operation of 'Quantifier Raising' applies before semantic interpretation. It brings the quantifiers to their scope positions.  
 (b) The syntax is set up in such a way that the trace of a quantifier has the 'right' index, i.e. the index that will allow it to be dependent on the quantifier that originated in its position. For instance, in the structure [... Q ... Q'...  $t_{-1}$   $t'_{-1}$ ...], where linear precedence represents c-command, I assume that if  $t$  is the trace of Q and  $t'$  is the trace of Q',  $t$  bears the index -2 and  $t'$  bears the index -1.  
 (c) For each pair of a sequence of evaluation  $s$  and a quantificational  $q$ , an operation of  $n$ -resolution is defined which picks out the last  $n$  elements of  $s$ , properly resolved in case they cross-reference elements of the quantificational sequence  $q$ . The result is written as  $s_n(q)$ . The details of the definition are left for Appendix III.

- (64)  $[[\text{the } n]]^w s, q=\#$  iff there is 0 or strictly more than 1 element  $x$  of  $X$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q^{\wedge}x=1$ . Otherwise,  $[[\text{the } n]]^w s, q=x$  for  $x$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q^{\wedge}x=1$ .  
 (65) If  $N$  is a noun taking  $n$  arguments,  $[[N]]^w s, q=\#$  iff  $s$  violates Non-Redundancy or  $s_{n-1}(q)$  contains  $\#$  or  $|q|=0$ . Otherwise,  $[[N]]^w s, q=1$  iff  $q_{-1}^{\wedge}(s_{n-1}(q)) \sqsubseteq I_w(N)$

To see how the analysis of definite descriptions works, let us consider the sentence *The director smokes*.

- (66) a. The director smokes  
 a'. [[the director] smoke]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w s, q=[[smoke]]^w s, q^{\wedge}[[\text{the director}]]^w s, q$

$[[\text{the director}]]^w s, q = \#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1 object  $d$  satisfying  $[[\text{director}]]^w s, q^{\wedge} d = 1$ , i.e.  $d \in I_w(\text{director})$ . Otherwise,  $[[\text{the director}]]^w s, q = d$ , where  $d$  satisfies  $[[\text{director}]]^w s, q^{\wedge} d = 1$ , i.e.  $d \in I_w(\text{director})$ . Hence:  
 $[[a']]^w s, q = \#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1 object  $d$  satisfying  $d \in I_w(\text{director})$  or there is exactly one object  $d$  satisfying  $d \in I_w(\text{director})$  and that  $d$  is a member of  $s$ .  
 Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w s, q = 1$  iff  $d \in I_w(\text{smoke})$  for  $d \in I_w(\text{director})$

The analysis of quantifiers is also straightforward - they simply manipulate elements that are added at the end of the quantificational sequence.

(67)  $[[ [ \text{every } n ] e ] ]^w s, q = \#$  iff (i) for some  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $[[n]]^w s, q^{\wedge} x = \#$ , or (ii) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q^{\wedge} x = 1$ ,  $[[e]]^w s, q^{\wedge} x = \#$ . Otherwise,  $[[ [ \text{every } n ] e ] ]^w s, q = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q^{\wedge} x = 1$ ,  $[[e]]^w s, q^{\wedge} x = 1$ .

(68)  $[[ [t_i \square] ] ]^w s, q = [[ [ \square t_i ] ] ]^w s, q = [[ \square ] ]^w s^{\wedge} (|q| + 1 - i), q$

To illustrate briefly, suppose that a trace  $t_i$  is evaluated with respect to a sequence of evaluation  $s$  and a quantificational sequence  $d^{\wedge} d'$ .  $d'$  is the element introduced by the last quantifier, hence we want  $t_i$  to introduce in the sequence of evaluation an index that cross-references  $d'$ . For technical reasons, we need to count from the beginning rather than from the end of the quantificational sequence<sup>26</sup>. The index we need is thus 2 (=length( $d^{\wedge} d'$ )-1+1). Similarly if  $t_2$  were interpreted with respect to a quantificational sequence  $d^{\wedge} d''^{\wedge} d'''$ , it would cross-reference  $d''$ , and hence would introduce in the sequence of evaluation the index 3.

To be more concrete, here is a derivation of the truth conditions of *Every student smokes*:

(69) a. Every student smokes

a'.  $[[ \text{every student} ] [t_1 \text{ smoke} ] ]$

b.  $[[a']]^w s, \emptyset = \#$  iff (for some  $x \in X$ ,  $[[\text{student}]]^w s, x = \#$ ) or (for some  $x \in X$ ,  $[[\text{student}]]^w s, x = 1$  and  $[[\text{smoke}]]^w s, x = \#$ ). None of these cases ever arises, and hence:

$[[a']]^w s, \emptyset = 1$  iff for each  $x \in X$  satisfying  $[[\text{student}]]^w s, x = 1$ ,  $[[t_1 \text{ smoke}]]^w s, x = 1$ , iff

for each  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \in I_w(\text{student})$ ,  $[[\text{smoke}]]^w s^{\wedge} 1 \ x = 1$ , iff

for each  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \in I_w(\text{student})$ ,  $(s^{\wedge} 1)_1(x) \in I_w(\text{smoke})$ , iff

for each  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \in I_w(\text{student})$ ,  $x \in I_w(\text{smoke})$ .

□ *A different prediction: referential expressions in an A'-position (Lasnik & Stowell's Generalization)*

In the introduction we summarized the generalization concerning Weak Crossover by stating that a pronoun may not be bound from a non-argument (A') position. The present system makes a slightly different prediction, however, since it is the *nature* rather than the *position* of the binder that matters. This is because the elements that must be treated through quantificational sequences are exactly those that fail to yield violations of Non-Redundancy when one would otherwise expect them to. R-expressions are clearly not in that group. As a result, we predict that R-expressions that bind a pronoun from an A'-position should be perfectly acceptable. Lasnik & Stowell (1991) have argued that this is in fact the case. They give the following example, which displays *no* Weak Crossover effect in a sentence that clearly involves a pronoun bound by an R-expression (the availability of a sloppy reading for the elided conjunct testifies that binding is really involved):

(70) This book I would never ask its author to read \_\_, but that book I would \_\_ (Lasnik & Stowell 1991)

We further predict that in such cases the R-expression in the A'-position should trigger a Condition C effect if it c-commands a coreferring R-expression. The facts are relatively clear in French for a slightly different construction, and remain to be tested for English:

- (71) a.  $\langle \rangle$  John, John's mother loves  
 a'. \*Him<sub>i</sub>, John<sub>i</sub>'s mother loves  
 b. John's mother loves John  
 a'. XX Jean, sa mère l'adore. Pierre, de même.  
*Jean, his mother him adores. Pierre, too.*  
 b'. ??Jean, la mère de Jean l'adore.  
*Jean, the mother of Jean him adores.*

In sum, we agree with Lasnik & Stowell's characterization of (that part of) the problem:

The only factor that correlates almost perfectly with the distribution of WCO effects is the intrinsic quantificational status of the local A'-binder of the pronoun. A WCO effect seems to occur just when the pronoun and trace are locally A'-bound by a true QP (or by a trace of a true QP). If the local A'-binder is either a referential NP (topicalization) or an operator bound by an external antecedent (appositive relatives, *tough*-movement constructions, and parasitic gap constructions), then there is no WCO effect. (Lasnik & Stowell 1991 pp. 704-705)

#### □ Adding Relative Clauses

A word should be said about relative clauses, which interact with the analysis of Weak Crossover effects. The first of the following rules simply states that a relative clause is interpreted by intersective modification, while the second states that the *wh*-element is semantically vacuous:

- (72) a.  $[[N' RC]]^w s, q=1$  iff  $[[N']]^w s, q=1$  and  $[[RC]]^w s, q$   
 b.  $[[ [wh\_ IP] ] ]^w s, q = [[ IP ] ]^w s, q$

To illustrate, consider the interpretation of *Every man who runs is mortal*. The key is that the determiner *every* introduces an element  $x$  in the quantificational sequence (a different element  $x$  for each object in the domain). It is only when the trace is processed that an index is introduced in the sequence of evaluation to cross-reference  $x$ . With this procedure the correct truth-conditions are easily derived:

- (73) a. Every man who drinks smokes  
 a'. [Every [man who  $t_{i1}$  drink]] [ $t_{i1}$  smoke]  
 b. It can be shown that  $[[a]]^w s, \emptyset \neq \#$ . Thus:  
 $[[a]]^w s, \emptyset=1$  iff for each  $x$  such that  $[[ [man [who [t_{i1} drink] ] ] ] ]^w s, x=1, [[ [t_{i1} smoke] ] ]^w s, x=1$   
 iff for each  $x$  such that  $[[man]]^w s, x = [[ [who [t_{i1} drink] ] ] ]^w s, x=1, [[smoke]]^w s^1, x=1$   
 iff for each  $x$  such that  $[[man]]^w s, x = [[drink]]^w s^1, x=1, [[smoke]]^w s^1, x=1$   
 iff for each  $x$  such that  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$  and  $(s^1)_1(x) \sqsubseteq I_w(drink), (s^1)_1(x) \sqsubseteq I_w(smoke)$ ,  
 iff for each  $d$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$  and  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(drink), d \sqsubseteq I_w(smoke)$

Interestingly, we predict that restrictive relative clauses should give rise to Weak Crossover effects, since it is only when the trace is processed that the element which is in the quantificational sequence can be (indirectly) retrieved. Although the effects that are found are typically weaker than with quantifiers or interrogatives, several researchers claim that they indeed exist. Thus Lasnik & Stowell write: "Like Higginbotham 1980 and Safir 1986, we disagree with Chomsky's claim that WCO effects are fully absent in restrictive relatives, even in examples like [(74)]":

- (74) a. the man<sub>i</sub> [who<sub>i</sub> [his<sub>i</sub> mother loves  $t_{i1}$ ]]  
 b. the book<sub>i</sub> [which<sub>i</sub> [its<sub>i</sub> author read  $t_{i1}$ ]]

Lasnik & Stowell immediately add: "However, with appositive relative clauses, we (and the literature) are in full agreement with Chomsky's judgment that there is no WCO effect":

- (75) a. Gerald, who his mother loves, is a nice guy.  
b. This book, which its author wrote last week, is a hit.

This fact can be accommodated in the present analysis. Since an appositive relative clause always modifies a referring expression, the value of the latter, call it *d*, must be introduced in the sequence of evaluation, not in the quantificational sequence. As a result, (i) a pronoun can retrieve that value if it is contained in the relative clause, without triggering any Weak Crossover effect. Furthermore, (ii) no R-expression denoting *d* can be found in the relative clause, as this would violate Non-Redundancy. Although there are differences across speakers, the predictions appear to be borne out in English (and in French, replacing *d*. and *e*. with clitic left dislocation):

- (76) a. (?) John's mother adores John  
b. John, who his mother adores, had a very happy childhood  
c. ?? John, who John's mother adores, had a very happy childhood.  
d. John, his mother adores.  
e. ?(?) John, John's mother adores.

The desired results can (almost) be achieved by defining the following rule of interpretation for referential expressions modified by a relative clause. In essence the idea is simply that the relative clause functions as a presupposition on the value of the referential expression. As argued above, the relative clause itself is evaluated under a sequence of evaluation to which the value of the referential expression has been added.

- (77)  $[[ [r, RC] ] ]^w s, q = [[r] ]^w s, q$  iff  $[[RC] ]^w s^* [[r] ]^w s, q = 1$ . Otherwise  $[[ [r, RC] ] ]^w s, q = \#$

There is a glitch, unfortunately. We must stipulate that in a non-restrictive relative clause the trace left by the *wh*-element behaves like a pronoun, since otherwise it would seek its value in the quantificational sequence rather than in the sequence of evaluation. At this point this must be stipulated.

## 5.2 Weak vs. Strong Crossover

Why is Weak Crossover a relatively mild violation? Presumably because it allows for a repair strategy. As a matter of fact, if the pronoun is interpreted as if it *were* a trace, the intended interpretation can be obtained without semantic failure. Whether the repair occurs in the syntax or in the semantics, its effect is to interpret (78)a as if it were (78)a", with the truth-conditions in (78)b(as usual I treat *his mother* as *the he mother*, where *mother* is a dyadic predicate):

- (78) a. Surface Structure: His mother likes every man.  
a'. Actual LF: [Every man] [[the [<sub>he</sub><sub>2</sub> mother]] likes *t*<sub>1</sub>]  
a". Repair: [Every man] [[the [<sub>t</sub><sub>2</sub> mother]] [like *t*<sub>1</sub>]]  
b. It can be shown that  $[[a'']]^w s, \emptyset = \#$  iff (for some  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$  and there is 0 or more than 1  $x' \in X$  satisfying:  $x' \wedge x \in I_w(\text{mother})$ ), or ((for every  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$ , there is exactly one  $x' \in X$  satisfying  $x' \wedge x \in I_w(\text{mother})$ ) and (for some  $x \in X$  satisfying  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$ , there is exactly one  $x' \in X$  satisfying  $x' \wedge x \in I_w(\text{mother})$ , and that  $x'$  also belongs to *s*)) [the latter condition, which is baroque, is discussed in the next subsection]. Otherwise,  
 $[[a'']]^w s, \emptyset = 1$  iff for each  $x$  such that  $[[\text{man}]]^w s, x = 1$ ,  $[[[[\text{the } [\text{he}_2 \text{ mother}]] \text{ like } t_1]]]^w s, x = 1$   
iff for each  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$ , for (the)  $x'$  satisfying  $[[t_2 \text{ mother}]]^w s, x' \wedge x = 1$ ,  $[[\text{like } t_1]]^w s^* x' = 1$ ,  
iff for each  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$ , for (the)  $x'$  satisfying  $[[\text{mother}]]^w s^* x' = 1$ ,  $x' \wedge x = 1$ ,  $[[\text{like}]]^w s^* x' = 1$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  
iff for each  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in I_w(\text{man})$ , for (the)  $x'$  satisfying  $x' \wedge x \in I_w(\text{mother})$ ,  $x' \wedge x \in I_w(\text{like})$

Suppose now that instead of a Weak Crossover violation we were dealing with a Strong Crossover violation. We could attempt to apply the same repair strategy, thus turning (79)a into

(79)a". But this time the repair will immediately trigger a violation of Non-Redundancy, since each trace will introduce the same index (here: 1) in the sequence of evaluation, as is illustrated below:

(79) a. Surface Structure: He likes every man.

a'. Actual LF: [Every man] [he likes  $t_{1,1}$ ]

a". Repair: [Every man] [ $t_{1,1}$  likes  $t_{1,1}$ ]

b.  $[[[c]]]^w s, \emptyset \neq \#$  iff for some  $x \in X$  such that  $[[man]]^w s, x=1$ ,  $[[t_{1,1} \text{ likes } t_{1,1}]]^w s, x \neq \#$ ,

iff for some  $x \in X$  such that  $[[man]]^w s, x=1$ ,  $[[likes \ t_{1,1}]]^w s^1, x \neq \#$

iff for some  $x \in X$  such that  $[[man]]^w s, x=1$ ,  $[[likes]]^w s^1, s \neq \#$ .

The latter condition is always met because  $s^1$  violates Non-Redundancy.

Thus we see that Strong Crossover effects can be analyzed as Weak Crossover effects that cannot be repaired, except by violating Non-Redundancy. In essence we have just derived Chomsky's old insight that a Strong Crossover violation is worse than a Weak Crossover violation because it adds to it a violation of Principle C (in Chomsky's theory this was because traces were considered as R-expressions). In effect we have followed the same intuition, since traces, like R-expressions, systematically introduce an element in the sequence of evaluation. The difference between traces and R-expressions is that the latter introduce 'normal' objects while the former introduce 'formal' objects, that is, indices.

### 5.3 A Problem Regained?

At this point the structure of our argument can be summarized as follows:

(i) In order to avoid predicting that *Ed thinks that every professor is underpaid* cannot attribute to Ed the thought that every professor *including himself* is underpaid, we must introduce quantified elements in a separate sequence, the quantificational sequence (and furthermore the latter should not be subject to Non-Redundancy).

(ii) The mechanism needed to cross-reference elements of the quantificational sequence accounts for Weak and Strong Crossover effects.

It would appear, however, that the solution we adopted to solve the problem in (i) has displaced but not eliminated the difficulty. To see this, consider the following examples:

(80) a. Every politician will say that his mother is wise.

a'. [Every politician]  $t_{1,1}$  will say that [the [ $he_{1,1}$  mother]] is wise.

b. Ann Smith knows that every politician will say that his mother is wise.

b'. Ann Smith knows that [every politician]  $t_{1,1}$  will say that [the [ $he_{1,1}$  mother]] is wise.

In both examples *his mother* is analyzed as a definite description [*the [he mother]*], where *he* is bound by the quantifier [*every politician*]. Now suppose that (80)a is uttered by Mary, whose son happens to be a politician. Intuitively *every politician* may range over all the politicians in the domain of discourse, including Mary's son. As a result, *his mother* may range over all the politicians' mothers, including Mary herself. But the final version of the Treatment of R-expressions, copied below, specifies that the denotation of a definite description is always added to the sequence of evaluation (the final version of the rule is identical to that in (23), except that the quantificational sequence has been added as a parameter):

(81) Treatment of R-expressions (final): If  $\square$  is a proper name, a definite description, a demonstrative pronoun (i.e. a pronoun with a positive subscript), or a *that*-clause,

$[[\square]]^w s, q = [[\square]]^w s, q = [[\square]]^w s^1, q$

As a result, at some point in the interpretation of *Every politician will say that his mother is wise*, we find a sequence of evaluation of the form  $m^1 \dots m$  (since Mary is the speaker and *his mother* ranges over all the politicians' mothers, including Mary), which violates Non-Redundancy. The prediction is



that the sentence should be deviant, contrary to fact. The same problem can be replicated in (80)b, independently of the identity of the speaker. If Ann Smith's son, Peter Smith, happens to be a politician, *his mother* should again range, among others, over Ann Smith herself, which should yield a violation of Non-Redundancy - again an incorrect result.

As it turns out, the problem can be solved by appealing once more to 'guises', whose nature we have left a bit vague. If we wish to view them as model-theoretic objects, it is reasonable to think of them as functions from pairs of the form <context, quantificational sequence> to individuals. Thus a guise corresponding to the (rigidified) description *the (actual) President of the US* will introduce in the sequence the function  $\lambda c \lambda q$  the  $x$ :  $x$  is the President of the US in the world of  $c$ . Similarly the description introduced by an index 1 will be of the form  $\lambda c \lambda q$  the first coordinate of  $q$ , etc. In this way, if the quantifier *every politician* in the above examples introduced an element in the first position of the quantificational sequence, *his mother* will introduce in the sequence of evaluation a guise of the form  $\lambda c \lambda q$  the  $x$ :  $x$  is in the world of  $c$  the mother of the element found in the first position of  $q$ . This description is certainly different from that corresponding to Mary in (80)a or that corresponding to Ann Smith in (80)b. As a result, Non-Redundancy will not, in the end, be violated.

## 6 Disjoint Reference Effects

So far, we have only discussed constraints on coreference between singular terms. But the classic theories of Chomsky and Lasnik were designed to account as well for restrictions on *overlapping* reference when plural terms are involved. As it stands our theory cannot handle these, but as we will see shortly minor modifications of the analysis can accommodate them.

For Condition C the actual generalization is that the denotation of an R-expression may not overlap with the denotation of an expression that c-commands it, as is illustrated by the following examples from Lasnik (1989):

- (82) a. \*They told John to leave (\* if *they* and *John* have overlapping reference)  
 b. \*They told John to visit Susan (\* if *they* and *John/Susan* have overlapping reference)

A similar generalization appears to hold in the case of Condition B (Lasnik 1989):

- (83) a. \*We like me.  
 b. We think that I will win.  
 a'. \*They like him [\* if *they* and *him* have overlapping reference]  
 b'. They think that he will win [no restriction]

In other words, it appears that a pronoun may not overlap in reference with an expression that c-commands it locally. Reinhart & Reuland (1993) challenged this claim, arguing that examples such as (83)a improve markedly when the predicate is turned from distributive to collective; for instance they give *We elected me* as acceptable. But there is a confound. Independently of the issue of collectivity, Condition B effects tend to be weaker (for reasons unknown) with first person pronouns, so that *I like me* is for instance relatively acceptable. We may control for this factor by considering cases of disjoint reference that involve second person clitics in French (as was earlier, binding-theoretic violations are in general sharper with clitics). It is then relatively clear that these examples are still deviant (the last example is the collective one, which is relatively degraded):

- (84) a. \*Tu vous aimes  
           *you-sg you-pl like*  
 b. \*Vous t'aimez  
           *you-pl you-sg like*  
 c. \*Tu vous choisiras  
           *you-sg you-pl will-choose*  
 d. \*Vous te choisissez

- you-pl you-sg will-choose*  
 e. \*Vous t'élirez  
*you-pl you-sg will-elect*

I conclude that Chomsky's and Lasnik's generalization still holds. But at this point we cannot account for it - in particular because we haven't said anything about the semantics of plural expressions.

We start by analyzing plural pronouns that are bound by several antecedents - a phenomenon we henceforth call 'partial binding' (echoing the term 'partial control' in Landau 2000). The mechanism we introduce is then used to provide an account of Disjoint Reference effects.

### 6.1 Split Antecedents and Partial Binding

#### □ Third Person Plural Pronouns

Any theory must make provisions for cases in which a plural pronoun has several antecedents, as is the case below (I have used a traditional indexing mechanism to indicate binding dependencies):

- (85) a. [Talking about John] [Each of his<sub>k</sub> colleagues]<sub>i</sub> is so difficult that at some point or other they<sub>i,k</sub> 've had an argument.  
 b. [Every boy]<sub>i</sub> told [every girl]<sub>k</sub> that they<sub>i,k</sub> should have lunch together

Obviously the examples could be complicated still further to show that ambiguities arise when several antecedents are available (e.g. *Every professor suggested to every boy that he should suggest to every girl that they should have a serious conversation*). In other words, any standard theory must allow for a logical syntax in which pronouns are multiply indexed. We do so in the present framework by allowing a plural pronoun to have an arbitrary number of indices of any kind (positive or negative). We then refine our interpretation procedure by introducing into our semantics 'split cells'. The idea is that the denotations of indices that appear on the same plural pronoun should appear in different compartments of the same (split) cell. This will lead to sequences such as  $j^A m^H o^{\sim} a$ , where as before separations between cells are indicated by  $\wedge$ , while separations between compartments of the same cell are indicated by  $\sim$ . Except for the evaluation of atomic predicates, compartments behave exactly like full-fledged cells - in particular, when a pronoun with index  $-i$  is to retrieve the element of position  $-i$  in a sequence, the position in question is determined by counting both cells and compartments. For instance in the sequence  $j^A m^H o^{\sim} a$ ,  $a$  occupies position -1,  $o$  occupies position -2,  $m^H$  occupies position -3, and  $j^A$  occupies position -4. For the evaluation of predicates, however, the elements that are found in different compartments of the same cell are merged. Thus *smoke* evaluated under the sequence  $j^A m^H o^{\sim} a$  will be deemed true just in case the (mereological) sum of  $o$  and  $a$ , which we write as  $o \oplus a$ , lies in the extension of *smoke* (at the world of evaluation). In the following example we present a mixed case, in which the pronoun *they*<sub>1,2</sub> has an anaphoric component, indicated by the negative index -2, and a demonstrative component, given by the positive index 1 (which in this case denotes Ann). I further assume that the clause is embedded, and that the last referential expression which was processed denoted Oscar:

- (86) a. They<sub>1,-2</sub> are happy (where 1 denotes Ann)  
 a'. They<sub>1,-2</sub> be-happy  
 b.  $\llbracket a \rrbracket^w j^A m^H o^{\sim} \emptyset$   
 $= \llbracket \text{they}_{,-2} \text{ be-happy} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H o^{\sim} a, \emptyset$  since  $D(1)=a$   
 $= \llbracket \text{are-happy} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H \#^{\sim} a^{\sim} o, \emptyset$   
 $= 1$  iff  $a \oplus o \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{be-happy})$

The same analysis can be extended to more complex cases, involving both quantification and split antecedents. For instance the sentence *[Every professor] t<sub>-1</sub> thinks that they<sub>-1, 3</sub> should-talk* involves a pronoun *they*<sub>-1, 3</sub> which has a demonstrative component (hence the positive index 3) and

which is also partly bound by the trace of a quantifier (this accounts for the index -1). In a nutshell, the derivation proceeds as follows:

-First, the quantifier *every professor* is processed. It introduces the individual *d* in the quantificational sequence of the nuclear scope for each *d* which is a professor. This leads to a pair of sequences  $j^{A^H}m^H, d$ , where  $j^{A^H}m^H$  is the sequence of evaluation and *d* is the new quantificational sequence.

-Second, the trace of the quantifier is processed. It introduces in the sequence of evaluation an index 1 which cross-references the first (and only) element of the quantificational sequence. This leads to a new pair of sequences  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1}, d$ .

-Third, the embedded clause is evaluated - its value is necessary in order to evaluate the predicate *think*. The evaluation starts with the embedded pronoun *they*<sub>-1,3</sub>.

(a) In the first step, the index -1 is processed, with the effect that the last element of the sequence  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1}$  is replaced with # and moved to the end of the new sequence. This yields a new pair of sequences  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1}, d$ .

(b) In the second step, the second index of *they*<sub>-1,3</sub>, namely 3, is taken care of. This has the effect of adding to the last cell of the sequence  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1}$  a second compartment, which contains the denotation of 3, which we take to be Oscar. The resulting pair of sequences is thus  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1\sim o}, d$ .

-Finally, the predicate *should-talk* is evaluated with respect to the pair of sequences  $j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1\sim o}, d$ . Since the index 1 found in the last cell of the sequence of evaluation cross-references the one and only element of the quantificational sequence, *d*, the predicate is true under this pair of sequences just in case the mereological sum of *d* and *o* lies in the interpretation of *should-talk* at the world of evaluation.

This somewhat complex derivation is given in more detail below:

- (87) a. Every professor thinks that they (=the professor and Oscar) should talk  
 a'. LF: [Every professor]  $t_{-1}$  thinks that *they*<sub>-1,3</sub> should-talk (where  $D_s(3)=o$ )  
 b.  $\llbracket (a) \rrbracket^{w, j^{A^H}m^H} = 1$  iff for each *d* such that  $\llbracket \text{professor} \rrbracket^{w, j^{A^H}m^H} = d = 1$ ,  
 $\llbracket t_{-1} \text{ thinks that } they_{-1,3} \text{ should-talk} \rrbracket^{w, j^{A^H}m^H} = d = 1$   
 iff for each *d* such that  $d \in I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $\llbracket \text{thinks that } they_{-1,3} \text{ should-talk} \rrbracket^{w, j^{A^H}m^{H^1}} = d = 1$   
 iff for each *d* such that  $d \in I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $\llbracket \text{thinks} \rrbracket^{w, j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1}} = d = 1$   
 with  $p = \llbracket w' \llbracket they_{-1,3} \text{ should-talk} \rrbracket^{w', j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1}} \rrbracket^{w', j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1\sim o}} = d$   
 $= \llbracket w' \llbracket they_{-1,3} \text{ should-talk} \rrbracket^{w', j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1}} \rrbracket^{w', j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1\sim o}} = d$   
 $= \llbracket w' \llbracket \text{should-talk} \rrbracket^{w', j^{A^H}m^{H^1\#^1\sim o}} \rrbracket^{w', d \oplus o} = d$   
 $= \llbracket w' d \oplus o \rrbracket^{w', I_w(\text{should-talk})} = d$   
 iff for each *d* such that  $d \in I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $d \wedge p \in I_w(\text{thinks})$

#### □ First and Second Person Plural Pronouns

This analysis can be extended to first and second person plural pronouns, at least when there is exactly one speaker and exactly one hearer. First, plural indexical pronouns, just like third person pronouns, can have split antecedents. The point was made in Partee (1989), who gave the following example:

- (88) John often comes over for Sunday brunch. Whenever someone else comes over too, we (all) end up playing trios. (Otherwise we play duets). (Partee 1989)

Intuitively it is clear that *we* means something like: *John, myself, and whoever else comes as well*. This example involves additional complexities, however - in particular the presence of a 'donkey' component, since the existential quantifier *someone else* appears to partly bind *we* even though it does not c-command it. Simpler examples can make the same point (again I adopt a standard notation to indicate the intended reading):

- (89) a. [Each of my<sub>i</sub> colleagues]<sub>k</sub> is so difficult that at some point or other we<sub>i,k</sub> 've had an argument.  
 b. [Each of your<sub>i</sub> new colleagues]<sub>k</sub> is so difficult that at some point or other you<sub>i,k</sub> 'll end up having an argument.

It would be easy to construct examples in which *we* or plural *you* are partly bound by several quantifiers; in fact (88) is of precisely this kind. The generalization, then, is that just like third person plural pronouns, *we* and plural *you* can have an arbitrary number of antecedents. As with other plural pronouns, there should presumably be no presupposition that a singular individual is denoted, for otherwise a singular pronoun would have been used (Note that we do not want the stronger requirement that it be presupposed that several individuals are denoted; for one may felicitously say in certain situations *They are one and the same individual*, or even *You are one and the same individual*, where of course *you* is read as plural [French *Vous êtes une seule et même personne*]). We submit that the only requirement for first, second and third person pronouns is as follows:

- (90) The cell introduced by a pronoun *pro* must:  
 -contain the speaker if *pro* is first person  
 -contain the addressee but not the speaker if *pro* is second person  
 -contain neither the addressee nor the speaker if *pro* is third person

The results are unsurprising for simple examples:  $I_3$  run will for instance be semantically acceptable under a sequence  $j^A m^H o$  because the element in position -3 carries the diacritic A. The following example is more intricate, since *we* has both an indexical and a demonstrative component:

- (91) a.  $We_{-2,1}$  agree (where 1 denotes Ann)  
 a'.  $we_{-2,1}$  agree  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^A m^H, \emptyset = [[we_{-1} \text{ agree}]]^w \#^H m^H j^A, \emptyset$   
 $= [[agree]]^w \#^H m^H j^A a, \emptyset$  since 1 denotes Ann  
 $= 1$  iff  $j \oplus a \sqsubseteq I_w(agree)$

The constraint on first person pronouns is thus satisfied, since the cell introduced by the pronoun is  $j^A a$ , which does contain the speaker.

Let us turn to a more intricate example, *[Each of you]<sub>i</sub> t<sub>i</sub> is so depressed that he<sub>i</sub> /\*you<sub>i</sub> can't sleep*. This sentence has proven difficult to handle for presuppositional analyses of second person features (e.g. Schlenker 2003, to appear). The presuppositional analysis would go like this: a variable with second person features carries a presupposition that it ranges over addressees - with fine results when the variable in question is free, as in demonstrative uses of *you* (e.g. *you<sub>i</sub> [pointing] are clever, but you<sub>k</sub> [pointing again] aren't*). But in the above sentence the theory makes incorrect predictions: as it turns out, the bound pronoun *he* does range over addressees<sup>27</sup>, and according to the presuppositional theory it should thus be pronounced as *you*, contrary to fact. This problem does not arise in the present framework. The trace of *each of you* introduces in the sequence of evaluation a formal object, say the index 1, which is distinct from any addressee (although of course it does cross-reference an addressee). The constraints on person features that we just stated entail that the bound pronoun, which simply recovers the formal object 1, should be spelled out as third rather than second person. This is a welcome result<sup>28</sup>.

The analysis is slightly more complex when *we* is partly bound by a quantifier. The key steps are summarized in the following derivation:

- (92) a. Every professor thinks that we should talk  
 a'. LF: [Every professor] [<sub>t<sub>1</sub></sub> thinks that we<sub>-1,-4</sub> should-talk]  
 b. Initial sequences:  $j^A m^H, \emptyset$   
 1<sup>st</sup> Step: *[Every professor]* is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H, d$ , for various values of  $d$   
 2<sup>nd</sup> step: *t<sub>1</sub>* is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H 1, d$   
 3<sup>rd</sup> step: the 1<sup>st</sup> index of *we<sub>-1,-4</sub>* is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H \# 1, d$

4<sup>th</sup> step: the 2<sup>nd</sup> index of  $we_{-1, -4}$  is processed  $\Rightarrow \#^H m^H \#^1 j^A, d$

5<sup>th</sup> step: *should-talk* is evaluated (with respect to the 1-resolution of  $\#^H m^H \#^1 j^A, d$ , i.e.  $d \oplus j$ )

And a full derivation is included in (93) (again, I omit failure conditions):

- (93) a. Every professor thinks that we should talk  
 a'. LF: [Every professor]  $t_{-1}$  think that  $we_{-1, -4}$  should-talk  
 b.  $[[ (a) ]^w j^A m^H, \emptyset = 1$  iff for each  $d$  such that  $[[ \text{professor} ]^w j^A m^H, d = 1$ ,  
 $[[ t_{-1} \text{ thinks that } we_{-1, -4} \text{ should-talk } ]^w j^A m^H, d = 1$   
 iff for each  $d$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $[[ \text{thinks that } we_{-1, -4} \text{ should-talk } ]^w j^A m^H 1, d = 1$   
 iff for each  $d$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $[[ \text{thinks} ]^w j^A m^H 1^p, d = 1$   
 with  $p = \sqsubseteq w' [[ we_{-1, -4} \text{ should-talk } ]^w j^A m^H 1, d$   
 $= \sqsubseteq w' [[ we_{-4} \text{ should-talk } ]^w j^A m^H \#^1 1, d$   
 $= \sqsubseteq w' [[ \text{should-talk} ]^w \#^H m^H \#^1 j^A, d$   
 $= \sqsubseteq w' j \oplus d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{should-talk})$   
 iff for  $d$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{professor})$ ,  $d^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{think})$

## 6.2 Disjoint Reference

Presumably something like the mechanism introduced in 6.1 is needed in any theory. Unfortunately, it is not *quite* enough to handle the disjoint reference data. Translating into our framework some of the early generative analyses of disjoint reference effects (Lasnik 1989), we could posit that the *only* way for an expression to denote a plurality is to bear one index for each of the objects of the group. But this proposal is immediately absurd, as it entails that in the following discourse *they* bears infinitely many indices:

- (94) There are infinitely many even numbers. They are all multiples of 2.

There is no way to avoid the conclusion that a plural pronoun may bear an index that denotes a plural object (see also Buring 2002b for a similar remark). But as soon as this mechanism is introduced, it allows for representations such as *They<sub>1</sub> told John to leave*, where the index 1 denotes, say, the group that includes John and Mary (i.e.  $j \oplus m$ ). Although the sentence is intuitively ungrammatical, it is not ruled out by Non-Redundancy as currently stated, since John is not identical to the group that includes John and Mary (i.e.,  $j \oplus m \neq j$ ). If the theory is to stand, Non-Redundancy must be refined.

### □ Refining Non-Redundancy

In the singular case, Non-Redundancy required that no object appear twice in the same sequence of evaluation. The heuristic motivation behind this principle was one of cognitive efficiency - a cognitive agent, we argued, would be better off not storing information about the same individual in different cells of its memory. The argument can presumably be extended to situations that involve plural objects. Suppose that on Occasion A Joe encountered a tall dark-haired man with a long knife, and that on Occasion B Joe encountered two people angry at him, one tall and dark-haired, the other tall and blond. Again it would be highly ineffective to create a new file for the group of people encountered on Occasion B without first checking whether one member of the group hadn't already been seen on Occasion A. This strategy suggests that no new file should be created if the (singular or plural) object it refers to overlaps with another object already listed in an existing file. This leads to a revised version of Non-Redundancy:

- (95) Non-Redundancy (revised)

A given sequence of evaluation may not contain overlapping objects in different cells.

### □ Condition C

Suppose first that  $they_1$  denotes a group that includes Oscar and Ann. Then the sentence *They<sub>1</sub> think that Oscar is nice* will be straightforwardly ruled out, because when *Oscar* is processed a violation of the revised version of Non-Redundancy will occur:

- (96) a. \* $They_1$  think that Oscar is nice, where 1 denotes  $o \oplus a$   
 b. (a) [evaluated under  $j^A m^H, \emptyset$ ] is deviant because *is-nice* must be evaluated under a sequence  $j^A m^H o \oplus a^o, \emptyset$ , which violates the revised version of Non-Redundancy.

Note that it won't help to give several indices to *they* -say, 2 and 3, where 2 denotes Oscar and 3 denotes Ann. This will have the effect of introducing a split cell when the matrix subject is processed, but Non-Redundancy (in fact, the 'old' version of it) will be violated when Oscar is added to the sequence of evaluation:

- (97) a. \* $They_{2,3}$  think that John is nice, where 2 denotes Oscar and 3 denotes Ann  
 b. (a) [evaluated under  $j^A m^H$ ] is deviant because *is-nice* must be evaluated under a sequence  $j^A m^H o^a, \emptyset$ , which violates Non-Redundancy.

On the other hand multiple indexing will correctly allow a sentence such as *Oscar thinks that they* (i.e. he and Ann) *are nice*:

- (98) a. <sup>Ok</sup> $Oscar$  thinks that  $they_{-1,3}$  are nice, where 3 denotes Ann.  
 b. (a) [evaluated under  $j^A m^H, \emptyset$ ] is predicted to be grammatical:  
 Step 1: *Oscar* is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H o, \emptyset$   
 Step 2: the first index of  $they_{-1,3}$  is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H \# o, \emptyset$   
 Step 3: the second index of  $they_{-1,3}$  is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H \# o^a, \emptyset$

Without multiple indexing, however, this sentence would have been ruled out. On the assumption that  $they_1$  denotes Oscar and Ann, a violation of the revised version of Non-Redundancy would have occurred when the embedded subject was processed - *are-nice* would have been evaluated under a sequence  $j^A m^H o^o \oplus a, \emptyset$  which violates the revised version of Non-Redundancy.

We also correctly predict that *They think that he is nice* should be grammatical, even when *they* and *he* overlap in reference. But given the system laid out at this point this is possible only because multiple indexing is allowed on *they*:

- (99) a.  $They_{2,3}$  think that  $he_{-2}$  is nice, where 2 denotes Oscar and 3 denotes Ann  
 b. (a) [evaluated under  $j^A m^H, \emptyset$ ] is predicted to be grammatical:  
 Step 1: the first index of  $they_{2,3}$  is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H o, \emptyset$   
 Step 2: the second index of  $they_{2,3}$  is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H o^a, \emptyset$   
 Step 3: *he<sub>-2</sub>* is processed  $\Rightarrow j^A m^H \# a^o, \emptyset$

At this point we encounter a difficulty, however. So far we have allowed only pronouns to carry several indices. Proper names don't carry indices at all, hence a fortiori they cannot carry several indices. But this would seem to predict that *Bill and Hillary think that she will become president* should end up being a violation of Non-Redundancy. For as soon as *Bill and Hillary* is processed, its denotation, namely  $b \oplus h$ , should be entered in the original sequence  $j^A m^H$ , yielding a new sequence  $j^A m^H b \oplus h$ . If *she* is used deictically, the revised version of Non-Redundancy will be violated because the embedded VP is evaluated under a sequence  $j^A m^H b \oplus h^h$ , which violates the revised version of Non-Redundancy. On the other hand if *she* carries a negative index, say -1, it can only recover the entire object  $b \oplus h$ , rather than  $h$  only, as is desired. Clearly we need to say that  $b$  and  $h$  have been entered in different compartments of the same cell, yielding for instance a sequence  $j^A m^H b^h$ . When *she<sub>-1</sub>* is evaluated under this sequence, it has the effect of bringing  $h$  to the end of a new sequence, namely  $j^A m^H b^h$ . This yields the correct result - the embedded VP is predicated of Hillary rather than of the sum of Bill and Hillary. But it is as yet unclear why conjunctions of proper names may introduce split cells in the sequence of evaluation. I leave this for future research.

□ *Condition B*

With this framework in place for Condition C, disjoint reference effects that arise with respect to Condition B follow straightforwardly. As before, the effect is triggered when atomic predicates are evaluated. We noted above that the sentence *They<sub>2,3</sub> think that he<sub>2</sub> is nice*, with the indexing as indicated, is correctly predicted to be grammatical. But if we consider a sentence in which there is less 'distance' between the two pronouns, for instance *They<sub>2,3</sub> like him<sub>2</sub>*, the result is correctly predicted to be uninterpretable. As before, the key is that the atomic predicate *like* has to be evaluated under a sequence of evaluation that 'contains' # in one of its last two cells. The only new element concerns the technical implementation of the notion of 'containment'. In our previous system a given cell contained exactly one element. Now, by contrast, a cell may contain several compartments; and of course it will be enough to trigger a failure that one of the compartments involved in the evaluation of an atomic predicate contain #. This is illustrated in the following derivation:

- (100) a. *They<sub>2,3</sub> like him<sub>2</sub>*, where 2 denotes Oscar and 3 denotes Ann  
 b.  $[[a]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, \emptyset$   
 $= [[they_{2,3} \text{ like } him_2]]^w j^{A^H} m^H o, \emptyset$  (since 2 denotes Oscar)  
 $= [[like \text{ him}_2]]^w j^{A^H} m^H o^{\sim} a, \emptyset$  (since 3 denotes Ann)  
 $= [[like]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^{\sim} a^{\sim} o, \emptyset$   
 $= \#$  since  $j^{A^H} m^H \#^{\sim} a^{\sim} o$  contains # in one of its last two cells.

In fact, the sequence history of this example is the same as that in (99). The only difference is that in the latter the embedded predicate *is-nice*, which is intransitive, could without problem be evaluated with respect to the sequence  $j^{A^H} m^H \#^{\sim} a^{\sim} o$ . Here, by contrast, *like* is transitive, and hence must have access to the last two cells of  $j^{A^H} m^H \#^{\sim} a^{\sim} o$ . But the penultimate cell,  $\#^{\sim} a$ , contains #, which presumably makes it impossible to form the sum of # and a, let alone to evaluate whether that sum stands in the *like* relation to o. This explains why the sentence is deviant.

To conclude, I hope to have suggested that a semantic analysis of binding-theoretic effects based on Non-Redundancy has at least some initial plausibility. Needless to say, there are many open questions; here are the most pressing:

- (i) It is unclear at this point how Condition B should be analyzed when it involves ECM constructions. A possible solution is sketched in Appendix I.
- (ii) Condition B appears to apply to possessives in some languages, e.g. Russian. Our analysis, based on coarguments of a given atomic predicate, seems to be ill-suited to deal with these data, which may in the end refute the present attempt.
- (iii) We have not given any account of Condition A. Some preliminary remarks can be found in Appendix II.
- (iv) We have not explained the difference in status between *John likes John* (deviant but not horrible) and *He likes John*, understood with coreference (impossible). Nor have we accounted for the fact - noted by Lasnik (1989) - that some languages allow an R-expression to be c-commanded by a coreferential R-expression, while no language allows an R-expression to be c-commanded by a coreferential pronoun. In fact, we have not given any account of cross-linguistic variation with respect to binding constraints.

Other questions should be further investigated, for instance the analysis of ellipsis (which has only been touched upon), or the semantic role played by intermediate traces in case of successive cyclic *wh*-movement. I leave all of these questions for future research. On the other hand a significant part of the theory has been implemented in Appendix III, which gives an account of Condition C, Condition B, Quantification and Weak and Strong Crossover (though the rules do not handle partial binding or disjoint reference effects).

### *Appendix I. Condition B Revisited*

Our version of Condition B runs into problems with the following examples:

- (101) a. \*John<sub>i</sub> believes [him<sub>i</sub> to be smart].  
       a'. John<sub>i</sub> believes [himself<sub>i</sub> to be smart].  
       b. \*John<sub>i</sub> wants [him<sub>i</sub> to be elected].  
       b'. John<sub>i</sub> wants [himself<sub>i</sub> to be elected].  
       c. \*John<sub>i</sub> seems to him<sub>i</sub> to be smart.  
       c'. John<sub>i</sub> seems to himself<sub>i</sub> to be smart.

In all cases the difficulty is that standard syntactic analyses (esp. in the Government & Binding tradition) postulate that *him* is not an argument of the matrix verb (*believes*, *wants*, *seems*), but rather that it belongs to the embedded clause, as is suggested by the bracketing. This certainly makes semantic sense, since it would seem that *\_believe\_*, *\_want\_* or *\_seem to\_* establish a relation between an individual (the attitude holder) and a proposition. This intuition is further strengthened by the observation that some quantifiers may (more or less easily) take scope under the attitude verb; on standard accounts this suggests that the semantic value of the object found under the verb is indeed a proposition, which entails that (102)a and b can have the Logical Forms in (102)a' and b' respectively (the latter is presumably obtained from (102)b by reconstructing the quantifier into its base position):

- (102) a. Sam believes at least one person to be smart  
       a'. Sam believes [[at least one person]<sub>i</sub> t<sub>i</sub> to be smart]  
       b. At least one person seems to Sam to be smart  
       b'. seems to Sam [at least one person]<sub>i</sub> [t<sub>i</sub> to be smart]

On the other hand, these constructions also allow quantifiers such as *nobody* to take scope *over* the intensional verb. Thus (102)a and b have possible Logical Forms such as those in (103)a' and b' respectively. By contrast, the constructions involving *that*-clauses in (103)c-d do not have an analogous reading - the quantifier remains trapped in the *that*-clause:

- (103) a. Sam believes no one (in particular) to be smart  
       a'. [no one]<sub>i</sub> Sam t<sub>i</sub> believes [t<sub>i</sub> to be smart]  
       b. No one (in particular) seems to Sam to be smart  
       b'. [no one (in particular)]<sub>i</sub> seems to Sam [t<sub>i</sub> to be smart]  
       c. Sam believes that no one (in particular) is smart  
       *cannot mean:* There is no one (in particular) that Sam believes is smart  
       d. It seems to Sam that no one (in particular) is smart  
       *cannot mean:* There is no one (in particular) that seems to Sam to be smart.

These observations can be derived from the following assumptions:

**A1.** In the derivational history of (102)a-b and (103)a-b, the embedded subject raises at some point out of the embedded clause to a position which we will call the 'high' position. For *seem* the process is overt, since the semantic subject of the embedded clause is pronounced in the matrix clause. For *believe* the process may or may not be overt, depending on whether Postal's 'raising to object' analysis is correct (see Postal (2003) for a recent discussion). In any event it is standardly assumed that the embedded subject may at some point reach a position in the matrix clause, maybe Chomsky's 'AgrO' position, from which it may move higher to adjoin to the matrix IP if it is a quantifier. This accounts for the data in (103).

**A2.** After it has moved to the 'high' position, the embedded subject may still reconstruct to a low position. Only this hypothesis can account for the data in (102) (if there were no reconstruction there would be no ambiguity).



This cannot be the end of the story, however. For unless the assumptions **A1** and **A2** are further constrained, we are bound to make incorrect predictions for (104)a:

- (104) a. \*He<sub>i</sub> seems to [Sam<sub>i</sub>'s mother] to be clever  
 b. seems to [Sam<sub>i</sub>'s mother] he<sub>i</sub> to be clever  
 c. he<sub>i</sub> seems to [Sam<sub>i</sub>'s mother] t<sub>i</sub> to be clever

If, following **A2**, reconstruction is always possible, the Logical Form in (104)b should be available, and thus (104)a should have a reading that does not violate Condition C, contrary to fact. What is needed is a condition such as **A3**, for which Fox (2000) provides independent evidence:

**A3.** Reconstruction is possible only if affects the truth conditions.

Fox (2000) argues that, quite generally, Quantifier Raising and Quantifier Lowering are licensed only if they have an effect on the truth conditions<sup>29</sup>. Since *he* is a rigid designator, reconstructing it to its base position as in (104)b would not lead to different truth conditions from (104)c, and as a result (104)b is blocked. (104)c, on the other hand, is ruled out by Condition C.

How can this analysis be incorporated to our account of Condition B? There are at least three solutions, all of them imperfect. For ease of exposition I discuss the case of *believe* (the following remarks carry over to *seem*).

**B1.** We may assume 'believe' is ambiguous: 'standard' *believe* takes two arguments, an individual and a proposition, while its variant *believe\** takes three arguments, two individuals and a property. Furthermore *believe\** is related to *believe* by the following rule:

- (105) For all individuals a, b, for each property  $\pi$ , and for each possible world s',  
 $a^{\wedge}b^{\wedge}\pi \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believes}^*)$  iff  $a^{\wedge}\pi(b) \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believes})$

We need to further assume that the appearance of the star on *believe\** is triggered by the presence of an argument in the 'high' position (without this stipulation *believe* and *believe\** would appear in syntactic derivations that could not be compared by Fox's economy condition); and that unless there is reconstruction the semantic value of the embedded clause is a property, i.e. a member of  $(\{0, 1\}^W)^X$ , where W is the set of possible worlds and X the set of individuals. With these assumptions, (101)a receives the following analysis:

- (106) a. #Sam believes him to be smart (with coreference)  
 a'. Sam him<sub>i</sub> believes\* to be smart (reconstruction of him<sub>i</sub> to the lower position is prohibited by Fox's economy condition; the appearance of \* on *believe* is triggered by the presence of an argument in the 'high' position)  
 b.  $[[a]]^w j^{A^H} m^H s, \emptyset = [[\text{him}_i \text{ believes to be smart}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H s, \emptyset = [[\text{believes* to be smart}]] j^{A^H} m^H \# s, \emptyset = [[\text{believes*}]] j^{A^H} m^H \# s^{\wedge} \pi, \emptyset$ , with  $\pi = [[\text{to be smart}]] j^{A^H} m^H \# s, \emptyset$  (which we assume is a property)  $= \#$  since *believe\** is a 3-place predicate and one of the last three elements of  $j^{A^H} m^H \# s^{\wedge} \pi$  is #.

**B2.** A slightly different alternative is to posit that *believe* is not lexically ambiguous, and to stipulate that it receives the following interpretation:

- (107)  $[[\text{believe}]]^w s, q = \#$  iff (s violates Non-Redundancy) or ( $s_1$  [i.e. the last element of s] is neither a proposition nor a property) or ( $s_1$  is a proposition and  $s_2 = \#$ ) or ( $s_1$  is a property and ( $s_2 = \#$  or  $s_3 = \#$ )).  
 Otherwise,  $[[\text{believe}]]^w s, q = 1$  iff  $s_1$  is a proposition and  $\langle s_2, s_1 \rangle \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believe})$  or  $s_1$  is a property and  $\langle s_3, s_1(s_2), \rangle \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believe})$

The advantage of this solution is that we do not have to stipulate that the appearance of \* is triggered by the presence of an argument in the higher position. But this comes with a cost - we must stipulate that *believe* has a non-standard semantics (other verbs look at a fixed number of elements of the sequence of evaluation, while *believe* considers the last two or the last three elements, depending on the nature of the last element). The derivation of (106) can be preserved as it is, except that the \* does not appear on *believe*.

**B3.** A third alternative is to assume that 'believe' is lexically ambiguous, but that the third argument of *believe\** is a proposition rather than a property. The rule relating *believe\** to *believe* is then much more trivial:

- (108) For all individuals  $a, b$ , for each proposition  $p$ , and for each world  $w$ ,  
 $a \hat{b} \hat{p} \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believes}^*)$  iff  $a \hat{b}(p) \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{believes})$

In order to ensure that the embedded clause is always interpreted as a proposition (even when there is no reconstruction), we may either stipulate that the trace left by A-movement behaves like a pronoun (rather than as a  $\sqsubseteq$ -abstractor, as must be assumed in **B1** and **B2**), or alternatively that the trace is not interpreted at all - as long as no other referential element intervenes between the 'high' position and the VP the latter will be predicated of the moved element, as is desired. The derivation in (106) is then modified to become (109):

- (109) a. #Sam believes him to be smart (with coreference)

a'. Sam  $him_{-1}$  believes\* ( $pro_{-1}$ ) to be smart (reconstruction of  $him_{-1}$  to the lower position is prohibited by Fox's economy condition; the appearance of \* on *believe* is triggered bby the presence of an argument in the high position; and the trace left behind by  $him_{-1}$  behaves like a pronoun, or alternatively is not interpreted at all)

b.  $[[a]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, \emptyset = [[him_{-1} \text{ believes } pro_{-1} \text{ to be smart}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H s, \emptyset$   
 $= [[believes^* pro_{-1} \text{ to be smart}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^s, \emptyset = [[believes^*]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^s \hat{p}, \emptyset$   
 with  $p = [[pro_{-1} \text{ to be smart}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^s, \emptyset = \sqsubseteq w' s \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{be-smart})$

$= \#$  since *believe\** is a 3-place predicate and one of the last three elements of  $j^{A^H} m^H \#^s \hat{p}$  is #.

Needless to say, more work is needed to determine whether **B1**, **B2** or **B3** can be made theoretically and empirically adequate.

## Appendix II. Condition A

How should Condition A be handled in the present framework? Clearly it won't do to analyze reflexives as garden-variety pronouns. Consider for instance *John likes himself*. If *himself* carries a positive index, *likes* will have to be evaluated under a sequence that violates Non-Redundancy, and a semantic failure will follow. If *himself* carries the index -1, *likes* will be evaluated with respect to a sequence that ends in  $\#^j$ , and again the result will be a semantic failure. A more promising suggestion is to treat reflexives as arity reducers, i.e. as operators that turn an  $(n+1)$ -place predicate into an  $n$ -place predicate. However there are two problems with this approach.

(i) First, in complex cases a reflexive may have two local antecedents, as in the following example:

- (110) a.  $^{Ok} John_i$  introduced  $Bill_k$  to himself<sub>i</sub>  
 b.  $^{Ok} John_i$  introduced  $Bill_k$  to himself<sub>k</sub>

In such cases one can't just say that the verb has been reflexivized. One must also specify *which position* has been reflexivized.

(ii) Second, and more importantly, the analysis of reflexives as arity reducers only takes care of half of the problem. To see this, consider the following pair:

- (111) a.  $Peter_i$  believes Ann to like him<sub>i</sub>  
 b.  $*?Peter_i$  believes Ann to like himself<sub>i</sub>  
 c.  $Peter_i$  believes himself<sub>i</sub> to like Ann  
 d.  $*Peter_i$  believes himself<sub>i</sub> to like him<sub>i</sub>  
 e.  $Peter_i$  believes himself<sub>i</sub> to like himself<sub>i</sub>

Reflexivizing the 3-place version of *believe* explains why (111)c is grammatical, but not why (111)d isn't. The latter fact can be accounted for only if the reflexive has the effect of making its antecedent unavailable for further anaphoric uptake (note that this is something that other pronouns

systematically do in the present system). But by the foregoing considerations it also won't do to state that a reflexive simply behaves like an anaphoric pronoun, as this would immediately lead to uninterpretability (by the same reasoning that derived Condition B).

The most natural suggestion is that a reflexive such as *himself* is made of two parts:

-*him* behaves like an anaphoric pronoun (and thus makes its antecedent unavailable for further anaphoric uptake)

-*self* is an arity-reducing operator that applies (in the Lexicon) to an (n+1)-place predicate to yield an n-place predicate.

One difficult question is how the *-self* part can indicate which position is being reflexivized. If the problem can be solved we will obtain derivations such as the following, where  $-self_{l,3}$  is taken to apply to a 3-place predicate P and to turn it into a 2-place predicate  $\lambda x \lambda y P(x, y, x)$ .

(112) a. Peter introduced Ann to himself.

a'. Peter Ann  $him_{l,2}$   $self_{l,3}$ -introduce

b.  $\llbracket a' \rrbracket^w j^A m^H = \llbracket \text{Ann } him_{l,2} \text{ self}_{l,3}\text{-introduce} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H p = \llbracket him_{l,2} \text{ self}_{l,3}\text{-introduce} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H p^a$   
 $= \llbracket self_{l,3}\text{-introduce} \rrbracket^w j^A m^H \#^a p$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } a^p \sqsubseteq I_w(self_{l,3}\text{-introduce})$   
 $\text{iff } a^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{introduce})$

Needless to say, the tenability of this approach to Condition A is as yet unclear.

### Appendix III. Semantic Binding Theory: Rules and Derivations

#### □ Syntax

We omit the syntax for the sake of brevity. Any set of rules that yield the Logical Forms we give below will do. The only difficulty is to insure that traces of quantifiers get the correct index, i.e. that they bear a negative index that corresponds to the LF position of the quantifier that is supposed to bind them. How this is best achieved is left open here. (We could have adopted a more conservative treatment of quantifiers and traces, in which (a) a quantifier  $Q_i$  manipulates i-variants of the quantificational sequence, and (b) a trace  $t_i$  introduces the index i in the sequence of evaluation. This would have gotten rid of the syntactic difficulty we just noted, but it would also have made our treatment of determiners and nouns more complicated, since we could not have relied on the fact that a determiner systematically introduces an element at the *end* of the sequence of evaluation. Obviously alternative options should be explored in future work).

#### □ Semantics

##### • Models

A model for our Semantic Binding Theory is a quadruple  $\langle X, W, I, D \rangle$

where

-X is a set of individuals

-W is a set of possible worlds (disjoint from X)

-I is an interpretation function, which for each world w of W assigns:

(i) to each proper name PN an element  $I_w(PN)$  of X.

We further stipulate that for each proper name PN, for all w, w' of W,  $I_w(PN) = I_{w'}(PN)$

(ii) to each element i-place verb or noun p, a subset  $I_w(p)$  of  $X^i$

(iii) to each attitude verb a, a subset  $I_w(a)$  of  $X \times \{0, 1\}^W$  (note that  $\{0, 1\}^W$  is the set of total functions W to  $\{0, 1\}$ )

-For each positive integer i, D assigns to i an element  $D(i)$  of X.

##### • Sequences of evaluation

A sequence of evaluation is a sequence of objects of  $X \setminus (X \setminus \{A, H\}) \setminus \mathbb{N} \setminus \{\#\}$ , where  $A$  and  $H$  are two roles (author and hearer, respectively) and  $\#$  is the undefined object (we take  $X \setminus \{A, H\}$  to be a set of 2-membered sequences). We further stipulate that any sequence of evaluation contains exactly one member which is itself a sequence of the form  $x^A$  and exactly one sequence of the form  $x'^H$ , for  $x, x'$  in  $X$ .

*Auxiliary conventions:*

- If  $d$  is an element of  $X$ , we write  $d^A$  for  $d^A$  and  $d^H$  for  $d^H$
- We identify throughout a 1-membered sequence with its only element.
- If  $s$  and  $s'$  are two sequences,  $s^{\wedge}s'$  is their concatenation
- If  $s$  is a sequence,  $|s|$  is the length of  $s$ .
- If  $s$  is sequence,  $i(d)$  denotes its  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate if it has one, and  $*$  otherwise.
- If  $s$  is a sequence that has at least  $n$  elements,  $s_{-n}$  is the element found in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  position, counting from the end of the sequence.
- If  $s$  is a sequence of evaluation and  $q$  is a quantificational sequence, we define the sequence of the last  $n$  individuals of  $s$  given  $q$ , written  $s_n(q)$ .  $s_n(q)$  is defined so as *not* to include any roles:  
 If  $n > |s|$ ,  $s_n = *$   
 If  $n \leq |s|$ :  $(d_m^{\wedge} \dots^{\wedge} d_n^{\wedge} \dots^{\wedge} d_1)_n(q) = d_n(q)^{\wedge} \dots^{\wedge} d_1(q)$   
 where for each  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$   
 $d_i(q) = 1(d_i)$  if  $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $d_i(q) = i(q)$  if  $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$

*Adequacy:* We say that  $d$  is adequate for a pronoun  $\text{pro}$  if  
 $\text{pro} = I$  and  $2(d) = A$   
 $\text{pro} = \text{you}$  and  $2(d) = H$   
 $\text{pro} = \text{he, she}$  and  $2(d) \in \{A, H\}$

**Non-Redundancy:** A sequence of evaluation  $s$  satisfies Non-Redundancy iff for all positive integers  $m, n$ ,  
 $((m \leq |s| \ \& \ n \leq |s|) \rightarrow (1(s_{-m}) \neq 1(s_{-n}) \vee 1(s_{-m}) = \#).$

#### • Satisfaction and Denotation

- If  $\text{pro}_i$  is a pronoun with a positive index ( $\text{pro} \neq I, \text{you}$ ),  $\llbracket \text{pro}_i \rrbracket^w s, q = D(i)$ .
- If  $\text{PN}$  is a proper name,  $\llbracket \text{PN} \rrbracket^w s, q = I_w(\text{PN})$
- $\llbracket [\text{the } n] \rrbracket^w s, q = \#$  iff there is 0 or strictly more than 1 element  $x$  of  $X$  satisfying  $\llbracket n \rrbracket^w s, q^{\wedge} x = 1$ . Otherwise,  $\llbracket [\text{the } n] \rrbracket^w s, q = x$  for  $x$  satisfying  $\llbracket n \rrbracket^w s, q^{\wedge} x = 1$ .
- If  $N$  is a noun taking  $n$  arguments,  $\llbracket N \rrbracket^w s, q = \#$  iff  $s$  violates Non-Redundancy or  $|q| = 0$  or  $q_{-1}^{\wedge}(s_{n-1}(q)) \in X^n$ . Otherwise,  $\llbracket N \rrbracket^w s, q = 1$  iff  $q_{-1}^{\wedge}(s_{n-1}(q)) \in I_w(N)$
- If  $V$  is a verb taking  $n$  arguments, other than an attitude verb,  $\llbracket V \rrbracket^w s, q = \#$  iff  $s$  violates Non-Redundancy or  $s_n(q) \in X^n$ . Otherwise,  $\llbracket V \rrbracket^w s, q = 1$  iff  $s_n(q) \in I_w(V)$
- If  $A$  is an attitude verb,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket^w s, q = \#$  iff  $s$  violates Non-Redundancy or  $s_2(q) \in X \setminus \{0, 1\}^w$ . Otherwise,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket^w s, q = 1$  iff  $s_2(q) \in I_w(A)$
- If  $\text{pro}_{-i}$  is a pronoun with a negative index  $-i$ , for any expression  $e$ ,

$[[\text{pro}_i \text{ e}]]^w s, q = [[\text{e pro}_i]]^w s, q = \#$  iff  $|s| < i$  or  $s_i$  is not adequate for pro. Otherwise, if  $s = d_m \dots \hat{d}_{i+1} \hat{d}_i \hat{d}_{i-1} \dots \hat{d}_1$ ,  $[[\text{pro}_i \text{ e}]]^w s, q = [[\text{e pro}_i]]^w s, q = [[\text{e}]]^w d_m \dots \hat{d}_{i+1} \hat{d}_i \hat{d}_{i-1} \dots \hat{d}_1 \hat{d}_i, q$

— If  $n$  is an R-expression (i.e. a definite description, a proper name, or a pronoun with a positive index),  $[[n \text{ e}]]^w s, q = [[\text{e } n]]^w s, q = [[\text{e}]]^w s \wedge [[n]]^w s, q$

—  $[[[\text{that } p]]]^w s, q = \#$  iff for some  $w'$  in  $W$ ,  $[[p]]^w s, q = \#$ . Otherwise,  $[[[\text{that } p]]]^w s, q = \exists w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[p]]^{w'} s, q$

### Treatment of Quantification

—  $[[[\text{every } n] \text{ e}]]^w s, q = \#$  iff (i) for some  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $[[n]]^w s, q \wedge x = \#$ , or (ii) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q \wedge x = 1$ ,  $[[\text{e}]]^w s, q \wedge x = \#$ . Otherwise,  $[[[\text{every } n] \text{ e}]]^w s, q = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[n]]^w s, q \wedge x = 1$ ,  $[[\text{e}]]^w s, q \wedge x = 1$ .

—  $[[[t_i \sqsubseteq]]]^w s, q = [[[\sqsubseteq t_i]]]^w s, q = [[\sqsubseteq]]^w s \wedge (|q| + 1 - i), q$

### Examples

In the following examples, I assume that the speaker is John and that the addressee is Mary. The first letter of an individual's proper name is used in the meta-language to refer to that individual. When only one sequence appears, it is the sequence of evaluation, and the quantificational sequence is taken to be empty (when we need to refer to the empty sequence, we write it as  $\emptyset$ ). In each example a. is the English sentence whose simplified Logical Form is given in a'. b. provides a derivation of truth- and failure-conditions.

#### A. Examples Without Quantifiers

(i) a. Ann smokes (*is unproblematic*)

a'.  $[[\text{Ann smoke}]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = [[\text{smoke}]]^w j^A \wedge m^H a$ . Hence

$[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = 1$  iff  $(j^A \wedge m^H a)_1 \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{smoke})$ , iff  $a \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{smoke})$

Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = 0$ .

(ii) a. I smoke (*is correctly interpreted if I bears the 'right' index*)

a'.  $[[I_2 \text{ smoke}]]$

b.  $[[[I_2 \text{ smoke}]]]^w j^A \wedge m^H = \#$  iff  $2((j^A \wedge m^H)_{\cdot 2}) \neq A$ . But  $(j^A \wedge m^H)_{\cdot 2} = j^A$  and  $2(j^A) = A$ , hence this case does not arise. Thus

$[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = [[\text{smoke}]]^w \# \wedge m^H j^A$  and

$[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = 1$  iff  $(\# \wedge m^H j^A)_{\cdot 1} \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{smoke})$ , iff  $j \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{smoke})$

Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = 0$

*Note:* (i)  $[[I_1 \text{ smoke}]]$  is not generated by the syntax (first and second person pronouns are assumed to always be indexical and never demonstrative; this is obviously incorrect for second person pronouns).

(ii) A failure would have resulted if the index of *I* had been  $-1$  instead of  $-2$ :

(iii) a. I smoke (*yields a failure if I bears the 'wrong' index*)

a'.  $[[I_1 \text{ smoke}]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^A \wedge m^H = \#$  because  $2((j^A \wedge m^H)_{\cdot 1}) = 2(m^H) = H$  and  $H \neq A$ .

- (iv) a. #John smokes (*yields a failure because it is said by John*)  
 a'. [John smoke]  
 b.  $[[[John\ smoke]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[smoke]]^w j^{A^H} m^H j = \#$  because  $j^{A^H} m^H j$  violates Non Redundancy.
- (v) a. #Mary smokes (*yields a failure because it is said to Mary*)  
 a'. [Mary smoke]  
 b.  $[[[Mary\ smoke]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[smoke]]^w j^{A^H} m^H m = \#$  since  $j^{A^H} m^H m$  violates Non-Redundancy.
- (vi) a. Ann hates Bill (*is unproblematic*)  
 a'. [Ann [hates Bill]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hates\ Bill] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a = [[hates]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a^b$ . Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = 1$  iff  $(j^{A^H} m^H a^b)_2 \sqsubseteq I_w(hate)$ , iff  $a^b \sqsubseteq I_w(hate)$ , Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = 0$
- (vii) a. #Ann hates Ann (*violates Non-Redundancy*)  
 a'. [Ann [hate Ann]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ Ann] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a = [[hate]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a^a = \#$  since  $j^{A^H} m^H a^a$  violates Non Redundancy
- (viii) a. #She hates Ann (*violates Non-Redundancy if interpreted with coreference*)  
 a'. [she<sub>1</sub> [hate Ann]], assuming that  $D(1)=a$   
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ Ann] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a$  since  $D(1)=a$   
 $= [[hate]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a^a = \#$  since  $j^{A^H} m^H a^a$  violates Non Redundancy
- (ix) a. Ann's teacher hates Ann (*never violates Non-Redundancy*)  
 a'. [[the [Ann teacher]] [hate Ann]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ Ann] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t$  with  $t = [[the\ [Ann\ teacher]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H$ .

Side computation

$t = \#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying

$[[[Ann\ teacher]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = [[teacher]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a, x = 1$ , iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x^a \sqsubseteq I_w(teacher)$ . Otherwise,  $t = x$ , where  $x$  satisfies  $x^a \sqsubseteq I_w(teacher)$ .

Hence:

If there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x^a \sqsubseteq I_w(teacher)$ ,

$[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ Ann] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \# = [[hate]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^a = \#$  since  $(j^{A^H} m^H \#^a)_2(\emptyset) = \#^a$ , which contains  $\#$ . Otherwise, for  $x$  satisfying  $t^a \sqsubseteq I_w(teacher)$ ,  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ Ann] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H x = [[hate]]^w j^{A^H} m^H x^a = 1$  iff  $x^a \sqsubseteq I_w(hate)$ .

- (x) a. Ann's teacher hates her (*never violates Non-Redundancy*)  
 a'. [[the [Ann teacher]] [hate her<sub>1</sub>]], with the assumption that  $D(1)=a$   
 b. Same as the preceding example
- (xi) a. #Ann hates her (*is uninterpretable if intended with coreference*)  
 a'. [<sub>v</sub>Ann [hate her<sub>1</sub>]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = [[ [hate\ her_1] ]]^w j^{A^H} m^H a = [[hate]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^a = \#$  since  $(j^{A^H} m^H \#^a)_2 = \#^a \sqsubseteq X^2$ .

*Note:* If *her* had been given a positive index, e.g. 1 with the assumption that  $D(1)=a$ , a violation of Non Redundancy would have resulted.

- (xii) a. #Ann hates Ann's teacher (*violates Non-Redundancy*)  
 a'. [Ann [hate [the [Ann teacher]]]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{hate} [\text{the} [\text{Ann teacher}]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{hate}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t$   
 with  $t = [[\text{the} [\text{Ann teacher}]]]^w j^{A^m H} a$

Side computation  $t \neq \#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{Ann teacher}]]^w j^{A^m H} a, x=1$ . But for every  $x$  in  $X$   $[[\text{Ann teacher}]]^w j^{A^m H} a, x = [[\text{teacher}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t a, x \neq \#$  since  $j^{A^m H} a^t a$  violates Non-Redundancy. Hence there is 0 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{Ann teacher}]]^w j^{A^m H} a, x=1$ , and  $t \neq \#$ .

Thus  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{hate}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t \neq \#$  since  $(j^{A^m H} a^t \neq \#)_2 = a^t \neq \# \square X^2$

- (xiii) a. Ann hates her teacher (*does not violate Non-Redundancy*)  
 a'. [Ann [hate [the [ $she_{-1}$  teacher]]]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{hate} [\text{the} [ $she_{-1}$  teacher]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{hate}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t$   
 with  $t = [[\text{the} [ $she_{-1}$  teacher]]]^w j^{A^m H} a$

Side computation  $t \neq \#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{the} [ $she_{-1}$  teacher]]]^w j^{A^m H} a, x=1$ , iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{teacher}]]^w j^{A^m H} \# a, x=1$ , iff there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $x^a \square I_w(\text{teacher})$ .

Otherwise,  $t=x$ , where  $x$  satisfies  $x^a \square I_w(\text{teacher})$

Thus  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} \neq \#$  iff (a) there is 0 or more than 1 element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x^a \square I_w(\text{teacher})$ , or else (b) there is exactly one element  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x^a \square I_w(\text{teacher})$ , and Non-Redundancy is violated in  $j^{A^m H} a^t x$ , i.e.  $x \square \{j, m, a\}$ . Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 1$  iff  $a^t x \square I_w(\text{hate})$ , where  $x$  satisfies  $x^a \square I_w(\text{teacher})$

- (xiv) a. Ann introduced Berenice to Cassandra (*can be interpreted provided a Larsonian LF is posited*)

a'. [Ann [Berenice [introduce Cassandra]]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{Berenice} [\text{introduce Cassandra}]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{introduce Cassandra}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t b = [[\text{introduce}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t b^t c$ . Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 1$  iff  $a^t b^t c \square I_w(\text{introduce})$ .  
 Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 0$

- (xv) a. #Ann introduced Berenice to her, where *her* and *Ann* corefer (*is uninterpretable*)

a'. [Ann [Berenice [introduce  $her_{-2}$ ]]]  
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{Berenice} [\text{introduce }  $her_{-2}$ ]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{introduce }  $her_{-2}$ ]]^w j^{A^m H} a^t b = [[\text{introduce}]]^w j^{A^m H} \# b^t a \neq \#$  since  $\# b^t a \square X^3$

*Note:* If *her* carried a positive index that denoted Ann, the sentence would still end up being uninterpretable because Non-Redundancy would be violated.

- (xvi) a. #Ann introduced Berenice to her, where *her* and *Berenice* corefer (*is uninterpretable*)  
 a'. [Ann [Berenice [introduce  $her_{-1}$ ]]]

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[[\text{Berenice} [\text{introduce her}_1]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[[\text{introduce her}_1]]]^w j^{A^m H} a^b = [[\text{introduce}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^{\#} b = \#$  since  $a^{\#} b \in X^3$

*Note:* If *her* carried a positive index that denoted Berenice, the sentence would still end up being uninterpretable because Non-Redundancy would be violated.

(xvii) a. Ann claims that Bill smokes (*is easily interpreted*)

a'.  $[[\text{Ann} [\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{Bill smoke}]]]]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[[\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{Bill smoke}]]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{claim}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^p$   
with  $p = [[[\text{that} [\text{Bill smoke}]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{Bill smoke}]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[\text{smoke}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^b = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. b \text{ smokes in } w'$

(with the standard convention that *b smokes in w'* is used in the metalanguage to denote 1 if *b* smokes in *w'* and 0 otherwise).

Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 1$  iff  $a^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{claim})$ . Otherwise  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 0$ .

(xviii) Ann claims that she smokes, with coreference (*is easily interpreted*)

a'.  $[[\text{Ann} [\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{she}_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[[\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{she}_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{claim}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^p$   
with  $p = [[[\text{that} [\text{she}_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{she}_1 \text{ smoke}]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[\text{smoke}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^{\#} = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. a \text{ smokes in } w'$

Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 1$  iff  $a^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{claim})$ . Otherwise  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 0$ .

(xix) a. I claim that I smoke (*is easily interpreted if both occurrences of I carry the 'right' index*)

a'.  $[[I_2 [\text{claim} [\text{that} [I_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[[\text{claim} [\text{that} [I_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]]^w \#^m j^A = [[\text{claim}]]^w \#^m j^A a^p$   
with  $p = [[[\text{that} [I_1 \text{ smoke}]]]]^w \#^m j^A = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{I}_1 \text{ smoke}]]]^w \#^m j^A = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[\text{smoke}]]^w \#^m \#^j = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. j \text{ smokes in } w'$

Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 1$  iff  $a^p \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{claim})$ . Otherwise  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = 0$ .

(xx) a. #Ann claims that she hates her, where *her* is anaphoric on *she* (*is uninterpretable*)

a'.  $[[\text{Ann} [\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{she}_1 [\text{hate her}_1]]]]]]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[[\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{she}_1 [\text{hate her}_1]]]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = [[\text{claim}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^p$   
with  $p = [[[\text{that} [\text{she}_1 [\text{hate her}_1]]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{she}_1 [\text{hate her}_1]]]]^w j^{A^m H} a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{hate her}_1]]]]^w j^{A^m H} \#^a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{hate}]]]^w j^{A^m H} \#^a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. \#$ , since  $(j^{A^m H} \#^a)_2 = \#^a \in X^2$ . As a result,  $p = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. \#$  is not in  $\{0, 1\}^w$ , and by the rule of interpretation of attitude verbs  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = \#$ .

*Note:* (i) If *her* carried a positive index that denoted Ann, the sentence would still end up being uninterpretable because Non-Redundancy would be violated.

(ii) It won't help to link *her* to *Ann* rather than to *she*:

(xxi) a. #Ann claims that she hates her, where *her* is anaphoric on *Ann* (*is uninterpretable*)

a'.  $[[\text{Ann} [\text{claim} [\text{that} [\text{she}_1 [\text{hate her}_2]]]]]]]$

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = [[\text{claim}]]^w j^{A^m H} a^p$  (as in (xx))

with  $p = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{hate her}_2]]]]^w j^{A^m H} \#^a$  (as in (xx))

$= \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. [[[\text{hate}]]]^w j^{A^m H} \#^a \#^a = \square w': w' \sqsubseteq W. \#$ , since  $(j^{A^m H} \#^a \#^a)_2 = \#^a \in X^2$ . As in (xx), we obtain the result that  $[[a']]^w j^{A^m H} = \#$ .



## B. Examples With Quantifiers

(xxii) a. Every man is mortal.

a'. [Every man [ $t_1$  is-mortal]]

b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff (i) for some  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $[[man]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = \#$ , or (ii) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[man]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = 1$ ,  $[[[t_1 \text{ is-mortal}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = \#$ . This case never arises.  
 $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[man]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = 1$ ,  $[[[t_1 \text{ is-mortal}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = 1$ ,  
 iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $[[is-mortal]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H(1+1-1)}, x = 1$ ,  
 iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $(j^{A^H} m^{H^1})_1(x) \sqsubseteq I_w(is-mortal) = 1$ ,  
 iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(is-mortal) = 1$

(xxiii) a. Every man respects his mother

a'. [[every man][ $t_1$  [respect [the [ $he_1$  mother]]]]]

b. It can be shown that  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff

(i) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,

there is 0 or more than 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \hat{x}' \sqsubseteq I_w(mother)$ , or

(ii) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ , there exactly 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying

$x \hat{x}' \sqsubseteq I_w(mother)$ , and that  $x'$  is  $j$  or  $m$  [for in that case Non-Redundancy gets violated when we evaluated  $[[respect]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1} t, x$ ; this problem is discussed in the Note below.]

Otherwise,  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[man]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = 1$ ,  $[[[t_1 \text{ [respect [the [ $he_1$  mother]]]]]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x = 1$ ,

iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $[[[respect [the [ $he_1$  mother]]]]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1}, x = 1$ ,

iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $[[respect]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1} t, x = 1$ , with

$t = [[\text{the } [he_1 \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1}, x$

Side computation

Since for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ , there is exactly one  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying

$x \hat{x}' \sqsubseteq I_w(mother)$ ,

$t = x'$ , where  $x'$  satisfies  $[[[he_1 \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1}, x \hat{x}' = 1$ , i.e.  $[[mother]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1} \# 1, x \hat{x}'$ , i.e.  $x' \hat{x} \sqsubseteq I_w(mother)$ .

Thus  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(man)$ ,  $x \hat{x}' \sqsubseteq I_w(respect)$ , where  $x'$  satisfies  $x' \hat{x} \sqsubseteq I_w(mother)$

*Note:* A violation of Non-Redundancy is predicted if one of the men's mother is the speaker or the addressee. This prediction is probably incorrect. However as soon as the system is implemented using implicit descriptions (i.e. functions from pairs of the form <context, quantificational sequence> to individuals) rather than individuals, this problem disappears. This is because in  $[[respect]]^w j^{A^H} m^{H^1} t, x, t$  will now be a function assigning to each pair <context, quantificational sequence> the 1<sup>st</sup> element of the quantificational sequence. Clearly such a function will be different from the implicit description corresponding to the speaker or hearer, and hence Non-Redundancy will be satisfied.

(xxiv) a. His mother respects every man (*yields a Weak Crossover violation if his is bound by every man*)

- a'.  $[[\text{every man}][[\text{the } [he_{-1} \text{ mother}]] [\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]$   
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{man}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=1, [[[\text{the } [he_{-1} \text{ mother}]] [\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=\#,$   
 iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[[\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t, x=\#,$  with  
 $t = [[[\text{the } [he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x,$   
 iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t^1, x=\#$

Side computation

$[[[\text{the } [he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=\#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[[he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x^x'=1$ . But  $(j^{A^H} m^H)_{-1}$  is not adequate for  $he_{-1}$ , since  $(j^{A^H} m^H)_{-1} = m^H$  and  $2(m^H)=H$ . Hence for each  $x'$  in  $X$   $[[[he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x^x'=\#$ , and thus there is 0  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[[he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x^x'=1$ . Therefore it is always the case that  $t = [[[\text{the } [he_{-1} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=\#$ .

Thus it is the case that for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t^1, x=\#$ , since for all  $x$  in  $X$   $[[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t^1, x = [[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H \#^1, x=\#$  because  $(j^{A^H} m^H \#^1)_2(x) = \#^x \sqsubseteq X^2$ . Hence  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$ .

*Note 1:* We obtain a semantic failure because, for various values of  $x$ , the quantifier introduces  $x$  in the quantificational sequence rather than in the sequence of evaluation. As a result, the pronoun  $he_{-1}$  must recover  $m^H$ , which is the last element of the sequence of evaluation. Since a 3<sup>rd</sup> person pronoun cannot access an object with the H diacritic, a failure occurs when  $[he_{-1} \text{ mother}]$  is interpreted. Note that even if this problem did not arise (because the last element of the sequence of evaluation did not contain an object with a diacritic), we would still *not* obtain a reading where  $he_{-1}$  covaries with the quantifier. (In fact it would not help to change the index -1 to any other index either; as long as a trace has not been processed, no pronoun may access an element of the quantificational sequence).

*Note 2:* In the following example we consider what happens if the pronoun  $he_{-1}$  is replaced with a trace  $t_{-2}$  (the index has to be -2 rather than -1 because the determiner *the* introduces an element in the quantificational sequence). This is a kind of 'repair strategy'. The fact that it leads to an interpretable result explains that Weak Crossover violations yield relatively mild cases of ungrammaticality.

- (xxv) a. His mother respects every man (*is interpretable on a bound reading if her is treated as if it were a trace with index -2*)

- a'.  $[[\text{every man}][[\text{the } [t_{-2} \text{ mother}]] [\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]$   
 b.  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[\text{man}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=1, [[[\text{the } [t_{-2} \text{ mother}]] [\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=\#,$   
 iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[[\text{respect } t_{-1}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t, x=\#,$  with  
 $t = [[[\text{the } [t_{-2} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x,$   
 iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t^1, x=\#$

Side computation

$[[[\text{the } [t_{-2} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=\#$  iff there is 0 or more than 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $[[[t_{-2} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x^x'=1$ , iff there is 0 or more than 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x'^x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$ . Otherwise,  $[[[\text{the } [t_{-2} \text{ mother}]]]^w j^{A^H} m^H, x=x'$ , where  $x'$  satisfies  $x'^x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$ .

Thus  $[[a']]^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man}), [[\text{respect}]]^w j^{A^H} m^H t^1, x=\#$ , iff (i) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man})$ , there is 0 or more than 1  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x'^x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$ , or

(ii) for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man})$ , there is exactly one  $x'$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x' \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$ , and that  $x'$  is  $j$  or  $m$  [for in this case Non-Redundancy is violated; see the Note following (xxiii) above].

Otherwise,  $\llbracket a' \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H = 1$  iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man})$ ,  $\llbracket \text{respect} \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H x'^1$ ,  $x=1$ , where  $x'$  satisfies  $x' \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$ ,  
iff for each  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{man})$ ,  $x' \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{respect})$ , where  $x'$  satisfies  $x' \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{mother})$

- (xxvi) a. He respects every man (*yields a Strong Crossover violation if he is bound by every man, i.e. if the intended reading is Every man respects himself*)  
a'.  $\llbracket \text{every man} \rrbracket \llbracket \text{he}_1 \llbracket \text{respect } t_1 \rrbracket \rrbracket$   
b.  $\llbracket a' \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $\llbracket \text{man} \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $\llbracket \llbracket \text{he}_1 \llbracket \text{respect } t_1 \rrbracket \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H$ ,  $x=\#$ . This condition is always met because  $(j^{A^H} m^H)_{-1} = m^H$  is not adequate for the pronoun *he*.

*Note:* Contrary to what was the case for the Weak Crossover violation in (xxiv), it won't help to interpret the pronoun as if it were a trace, for this will immediately give rise to a violation of Non-Redundancy, as is illustrated in the following derivation (to be compared with (xxv)).

- (xxvii) a. He respects every man (*yields a violation of Non-Redundancy if he is reanalyzed as a trace bound by every man*)  
a'.  $\llbracket \text{every man} \rrbracket \llbracket t_1 \llbracket \text{respect } t_1 \rrbracket \rrbracket$   
b.  $\llbracket a' \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H = \#$  iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $\llbracket \text{man} \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $\llbracket \llbracket t_1 \llbracket \text{respect } t_1 \rrbracket \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H$ ,  $x=\#$ ,  
iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{student})$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $\llbracket \llbracket \text{respect } t_1 \rrbracket \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H 1$ ,  $x=\#$ ,  
iff for some  $x$  in  $X$  satisfying  $x \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{student})$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $\llbracket \text{respect} \rrbracket^w j^{A^H} m^H 1^1$ ,  $x=\#$ .  
This condition is always met because  $j^{A^H} m^H 1^1$  violates Non-Redundancy.

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<sup>1</sup>This is by no means an unexceptionable generalization. There are at least two kinds of problems with it:

(i) It appears that a pronoun can be bound from a non-argument position, as long as the binder is non-quantificational, for instance in *John, his mother likes*. This refinement is predicted by our final account.

(ii) There are cases in which a pronoun is bound by a quantifier which is in a non-argument position, as in *Every boy's mother likes him*, whose Logical Form must be something like  $[Every\ boy]_i [[t_i's\ mother] likes\ him_i]$ . For these cases Buring (2003) has proposed an E-type analysis in which *him* goes proxy for a definite description such as *the boy in s*, where *s* is a situation variable bound by a quantifier introduced by *every boy*. If such an analysis is feasible, it can be adapted to the present framework.

<sup>2</sup> In the following I call 'referring expressions' those expressions whose value in an individual. The R-expressions are a proper subset of these (since anaphoric pronouns are referring expressions, but are not R-expressions). This follows standard syntactic terminology (except for the classification of demonstrative pronouns as R-expressions).

<sup>3</sup> Heim (1993) identifies guises with *semantic values* of descriptions, i.e. individual concepts; on the other hand the metaphor of the 'memory register' would require that we use descriptions rather than their values, since what is contained in a memory register is a symbol rather than its denotation; we will largely disregard this distinction in what follows.

<sup>4</sup> A more sophisticated version of the theory can dispense with empty cells, as is discussed in Section 4.

<sup>5</sup> We will relativize truth and denotation to a sequence of evaluation *and to a world parameter* because we need some account of attitude reports, which provide one of the simplest examples of syntactic recursion.

<sup>6</sup> This definition will be modified when we analyze quantificational expressions. On a correct analysis the determiner *the* must manipulate a sequence, which for theory-internal reasons cannot be the sequence of evaluation but what we will call the 'quantificational sequence'. The rule in (14)c is provided only to give a preliminary idea of the semantics we will posit. The 'official' system is found in Appendix III.

<sup>7</sup> It should be noted that the rules in (14) and (15) taken together force the syntax of 3-place predicates to be somewhat abstract. This is because a predicate can be interpreted only after all its arguments have been entered in the sequence of evaluation, in an order that mirrors c-command. Thus *Bill introduced Ann to Sam* must be given a syntax in which the verb is interpreted in a position c-commanded by each of its arguments. While I will not discuss the syntax of ditransitive verbs in greater detail, I should point out that the required structures are essentially Larsonian 'shells' (Larson 1988), as in the following simplified representation:

- (i) a. Bill introduced Ann to Sam  
b. [Bill [Ann [introduced to Sam]]]

In this structure the verb originates in a position which is a sister to the Prepositional Phrase, and moves to its surface position by head-movement, an operation that does not affect interpretation (so that despite the movement the verb is interpreted in its base position). With this structure the interpretation of (ia) is unproblematic: the arguments are entered in the sequence before the verb is evaluated, as is desired and as is illustrated below (I assume, as is common, that *to* is semantically vacuous).

- (ii)  $[[[Bill\ [Sam\ [introduced\ (to)\ Ann]]]]]^{w\ j^A m^H}$   
 $= [[[[Sam\ [introduced\ (to)\ Ann]]]]^{w\ j^A m^H} b]$   
 $= [[introduced\ (to)\ Ann]]^{w\ j^A m^H b^s}$   
 $= [introduced\ (to)\ Ann]]^{w\ j^A m^H b^s a}$   
 $= 1 \text{ iff } b^s a \sqsubseteq I_w(\text{introduce})$

As suggested by B. Spector (p.c.), we could also dispense with this abstract syntax if we were willing to posit a special rule of interpretation for ditransitive verbs - we could then stipulate that, say, *Sam to Ann* is interpreted in one fell swoop, whereby *s* and *a* are introduced 'at the same time' in the sequence of evaluation.

<sup>8</sup> This part of our analysis is closest to the theory of first person pronouns sketched in Heim (1991). Heim observed that first person pronouns are sometimes bound variables, for instance in (ia), under the reading represented in (ib):

- (i) a. Only I did my homework (therefore John didn't do this)  
b. [only  $I_x$   $x$  did  $my_x$  homework]

Heim suggests that first person can *always* be represented as bound variables if indexical uses of *I* are reanalyzed as instances of binding by a  $\square$ -operator, as shown below:

- (ii) a. I smoke.  
b.  $\Box x I_x \text{ smoke}$

According to the Logical Form in (iib), the sentence denotes a property rather than a proposition - a result that Heim welcomes, following in particular the De Se analysis offered in Lewis (1979).

With respect to indexical pronouns the present proposal can be seen as a purely semantic reinterpretation of Heim's proposal. Instead of positing that first person pronouns are literally bound by a  $\Box$ -operator, we simply include their denotation in the initial sequence of evaluation. We then treat first person pronouns in the same way as anaphoric pronouns, so that they too recover their denotation from some position of the sequence of evaluation (in order to obtain a Lewisian property one would have to abstract over the coordinate that bears the role 'author'). Although to my knowledge Heim did not discuss restrictions on expressions denoting the speaker and the hearer, her analysis combined with Reinhart's version of Condition C would yield the same predictions as the present theory. The analysis would go like this:

Consider a Common Ground CG in which it is presupposed that the speaker is John. To make things concrete, consider CG as a set of centered worlds, i.e. as a set of pairs of the form  $\langle \text{individual, world} \rangle$  (where intuitively the first coordinate represents the speaker). Since it is presupposed that John is the speaker, in each of these pairs the first coordinate must be John. With respect to CG, the assertion of  $\Box x \text{ John smokes}$  has exactly the same effect as the assertion of  $\Box x x \text{ smokes}$ , i.e. it removes from CG those pairs  $\langle \text{John, } w \rangle$  for which John does not smoke in  $w$ . Reinhart's pragmatic rule requires that the Logical Form that involves binding be preferred over that which involves coreference. This explains why *I smoke* is preferred to *John smokes* when uttered by John in that Common Ground.

<sup>9</sup> The descriptions must be rigidified so as to denote the same individual in every possible world. If we used non-rigidified descriptions we would predict that, say, a demonstrative pronoun embedded under a modal operator could denote non-rigidly (i.e. that it could denote different individuals in different possible worlds), which does not appear to be the case.

<sup>10</sup> Thanks to Laurence Danlos for pointing out the relevance of Corblin's work for this discussion.

<sup>11</sup> Corblin's constraint is stated as follows:

(i) If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $EC_{NP}$ ,  $NP$  is the only designator authorized for its denotation.

$EC_{NP}$  is the 'epistemic community' of people who know that  $NP$  denotes what it in fact denotes. Thus Corblin's constraint (which might well be too strong as it stands) is relativized to a speaker and addressee that share assumptions about the denotation of referential terms.

<sup>12</sup> Aloni's definition is as follows (Aloni 1999). If  $D$  is a domain of individuals and  $W$  is a domain of possible worlds, and  $M = \langle D, W \rangle$ :

A *Conceptual Cover*  $CC$  over  $M$  is a set of individual concepts such that:

$$\Box w \Box W \Box d \Box D \Box !c \Box CC \ c(w) = d$$

<sup>13</sup> For simplicity I only discuss *that*-clauses. As far as I can tell standard approaches to *if*- and *when*-clauses (e.g. in terms of general quantification over worlds and times) could be translated into the present framework.

<sup>14</sup> I note in passing that this analysis predicts that propositions could be the object of anaphora, and that in such cases they should be subject to Condition C. The first prediction is clearly correct, as shown by sentences such as *Bush claims that the war is imminent, but I don't believe it*. The second prediction is harder to test because it is not entirely easy to make a *that*-clause appear in the scope of a coreferring pronoun. French clitics make things a bit easier, because they appear in a position that  $c$ -commands the entire IP they are adjoined to. The following paradigm, modeled after examples in Wasow (1972), suggests that the prediction might indeed be correct:

- (i) a. Parce que Marie l'a écrit, je crois moi aussi que la guerre est imminente.  
*Because that Marie it has written, I believe me too that war is imminent*  
b. ?Parce que Marie a écrit que la guerre est imminente, je le crois moi aussi  
*Because that Marie has written that the war is imminent, I it believe me too*  
c. Je crois que la guerre est imminente parce que Marie l'a écrit.  
*I believe that war is imminent because that Marie it has written*  
d. \*?Je le crois parce que Marie a écrit que la guerre est imminente  
*I it believe because that Marie has written that the war is imminent.*

<sup>15</sup> These speculations could be extended to the case (which will be relevant later in the paper) in which both singular and plural individuals are admitted in the ontology. Cognitive economy would then presumably dictate that one should not create a new file for an individual that has some part  $P$  in common with another individual for which a file already exists (because this would scatter information about  $P$  among two different files). This case is relevant when disjoint reference effects are analyzed in greater detail. See the discussion in Section 6.

<sup>16</sup> Note that under this analysis Condition B effects are correctly predicted for 3-place predicates. Consider what happens in the evaluation of *Bill introduced Peter to him<sub>i</sub>* under an initial sequence  $s$ . As above I posit a Larsonian-like structure at Logical Form, as in (i)a', which gives rise to the truth-conditions in (i)b.

- (i) a. Bill introduced Peter to him<sub>i</sub>  
 a'. [Bill [Peter [introduced (to) him<sub>i</sub>]]]  
 b.  $\llbracket a' \rrbracket^w s = \llbracket [Peter [introduced (to) him<sub>i</sub>]] \rrbracket^w s^b$   
 $= \llbracket [introduced (to) him<sub>i</sub>] \rrbracket^w s^b p$

If  $i=1$ , the final sequence is  $s^b \#^p$ , which yields a failure when the 3-place predicate *introduce* is evaluated with respect to it; and similarly if  $i=2$ , since in that case the final sequence is  $s^b \#^p b$ , which also contains a '#' in one of its last three positions. Coreference between *him* and Peter or Bill is thus correctly blocked.

<sup>17</sup> Kehler (1993) gives the following principle (his (26):

A referential element is linked to the most immediate coreferential element that c-commands it in the syntax.

<sup>18</sup> How can we extend this analysis of the strict/sloppy distinction to other constructions that display a similar ambiguity?

Consider for instance *Only John likes his mother*, which may mean that only John is an individual  $x$  such that  $x$  likes  $x$ 's mother, or that only John is an individual  $x$  such that  $x$  likes John's mother. The simplest solution would be to reduce this case to ellipsis, by analyzing this sentence as: *John likes his mother. Nobody else does like his mother*, where the VP of the second sentence has been elided. This could be implemented within a focus-based semantics for *only*, along the following lines: *only DP<sub>F</sub> VP* is felicitous iff *DP VP* is true. If so, *only DP<sub>F</sub> VP* is true iff no salient alternative  $d$  to *DP* is such that *d does too VP* is true. It is as yet unclear whether there is independent evidence for such an analysis.

<sup>19</sup> This is particularly surprising because in ellipsis the reflexive clitic 'se' only allows for sloppy readings:

- (i) Jean s'aime. Pierre aussi.  
 Jean SE likes. Peter too  
<sup>Ok</sup> Meaning 1: Pierre likes Pierre.  
 \*Meaning 2: Pierre likes Jean

<sup>20</sup> It should be explained *why* focus-sensitive constructions (e.g. constructions with *only* or *even*) facilitate the introduction of different guises to refer to the same individual. This is left for future research.

<sup>21</sup> There might be an additional problem with a truth-conditional version of the Locality of Variable Binding. Consider the following configuration, in which *Bill* c-commands *John* and *Bill* and *John* c-command *he*:

- (i) Bill<sub>i</sub> ... John<sub>k</sub> ... [everyone bought the same book as him]

Now observe that if the domain of quantification includes both John and Bill, *Everyone bought the same book as John* is true if and only if *Everyone bought the same book as Bill* is true. Thus the truth conditions of the embedded clause should be the same whether *he* is coindexed with *John* or with *Bill*. As a result, truth-conditional economy should prevent *he* from denoting *John*. This is a very dubious result, though a longer discussion would be needed to establish this (in particular we would also have investigate what happens when meanings-as-truth-conditions are replaced with structured meanings). I leave this question for future research.

<sup>22</sup> As a finale note to this section, it should be observed that the predictions made by the present system for the analysis of ellipsis have not yet been seriously investigated, and could turn out to be deeply flawed. In particular, we predict that an elided anaphoric pronoun could be bound by an element which is *not* in the elided part of the sentence - a prediction which does not hold in simple accounts based on  $\square$ -abstraction. An example is given below (the indexing for *his* is the one required by the 'official' version of the system, given in Appendix III):

- (i) Bush decided that the White house would announce that Laura had invited his<sub>3</sub> brother. Clinton decided that his office would announce that Hillary had too ~~invited his<sub>3</sub> brother~~.

In standard accounts it is predicted that a sloppy reading can be obtained for *his brother* only if *his* is bound within the elided site. This is not the case in the present theory. On the other hand we predict that a failure should result if *his office* is replaced with *he<sub>1</sub>*, as this would have the effect of forcing the pronoun *his<sub>3</sub>* to access an empty cell. I doubt that this prediction is borne out:

- (ii) Bush decided that the White house would announce that Laura had invited his<sub>3</sub> brother. Clinton decided that he<sub>1</sub> would announce that Hillary had too ~~invited his<sub>3</sub> brother~~.

<sup>23</sup> See Butler (2003) for another account of Crossover effects that relies on a distinction between two sequences of evaluation. See Barker & Shan (2003) for a very detailed semantic account of Weak Crossover, based on entirely different principles.

<sup>24</sup> Thanks to G. Chierchia and B. Spector for suggesting that this point be clarified.

<sup>25</sup> An alternative would be to claim that the trace and its antecedent simply carry the same index, as on standard accounts. The role of the trace would then be to introduce in the quantificational sequence that very same index. This mechanism is simpler than the one we adopt in two respects:

- (i) it obviates the need for a syntactic mechanism that ensures that the trace gets the 'right' negative index (the difficulty is that the value of the index depends on how many quantifiers intervene between the trace and its antecedent; it is unclear how the syntactic rule should best be stated);  
 (ii) it allows for a simpler semantics for traces, since we may simply decide that a trace  $t_i$  has the effect of introducing the index  $i$  in the quantificational sequence.

On the other hand, the system we decided upon allows for a slightly more elegant semantics for determiners and nouns. The choice between these two systems is left for future research.

<sup>26</sup> The reasons is this. Consider a configuration such as  $Q \dots t_{-1} Q' \dots pro_{-1}$ , where  $pro_{-1}$  is to retrieve the index introduced by  $t_{-1}$  (which is itself bound by  $Q$ ). If  $t_{-1}$  were, say, to introduce in the sequence of evaluation an index  $-1$  to indicate that the last element of the quantificational sequence is to be retrieved, we would obtain the wrong result when  $pro_{-1}$  is processed. For  $pro_{-1}$  would have the effect of turning the sequence  $s^{-1}$  into the sequence  $s^{\#-1}$ . On the other hand because  $Q'$  was processed between the moment  $t_{-1}$  was interpreted and that at which  $pro_{-1}$  was interpreted, the relevant quantificational sequence will be of the form  $d'd'$  rather than simply  $d$ , as was the case before  $Q'$  was processed; this has the undesirable result that  $pro_{-1}$  will in the end cross-reference  $d'$  rather than  $d$ . To avoid this problem we count elements of the quantificational sequence 'from the beginning', in such a way that the same element is cross-referenced by any pronoun anaphoric on a trace, no matter how many quantifiers have been processed between the trace and the pronoun. This is the motivation for the somewhat complicated definition in (68). This difficulty would be circumvented if we adopted the alternative treatment of traces and quantifiers sketched in the preceding footnote.

<sup>27</sup> More technically: every element that satisfies the restrictor of  $[each\ of\ you]_i$  is an addressee, and thus should satisfy the presupposition of the nuclear scope  $t_i$  is so depressed that you<sub>i</sub> can't sleep - contrary to fact.

<sup>28</sup> Roumi Pancheva observes further complexities, which I give in their French version (her original data are from Bulgarian). In 'La plupart d'entre vous êtes si fatigués que vous devriez vous reposer' (*Most of you-pl are-2<sup>nd</sup> pl. so tired that you-pl should have some rest*), the bound pronoun can apparently appear in the second person plural, although the present theory predicts that only a third person plural pronoun should be possible. Note that the third person option is also grammatical: 'La plupart d'entre vous sont si inquiets qu'ils devraient se reposer' (*Most of you-pl are-3<sup>rd</sup> pl. so tired that they-pl should have some rest*). I leave this point for future research.

<sup>29</sup> It will not have escaped the reader's attention that Fox's account of reconstruction is based on a truth-conditional notion of economy. Although we claimed earlier that with respect to the analysis of binding Denotational Economy is superior to Truth-conditional economy, we had not quarrel with Fox's analysis of quantifier movement.